

BEQUEST OF  
EMMA L. CONANT  
IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND  
LEWIS S. CONANT  
1951

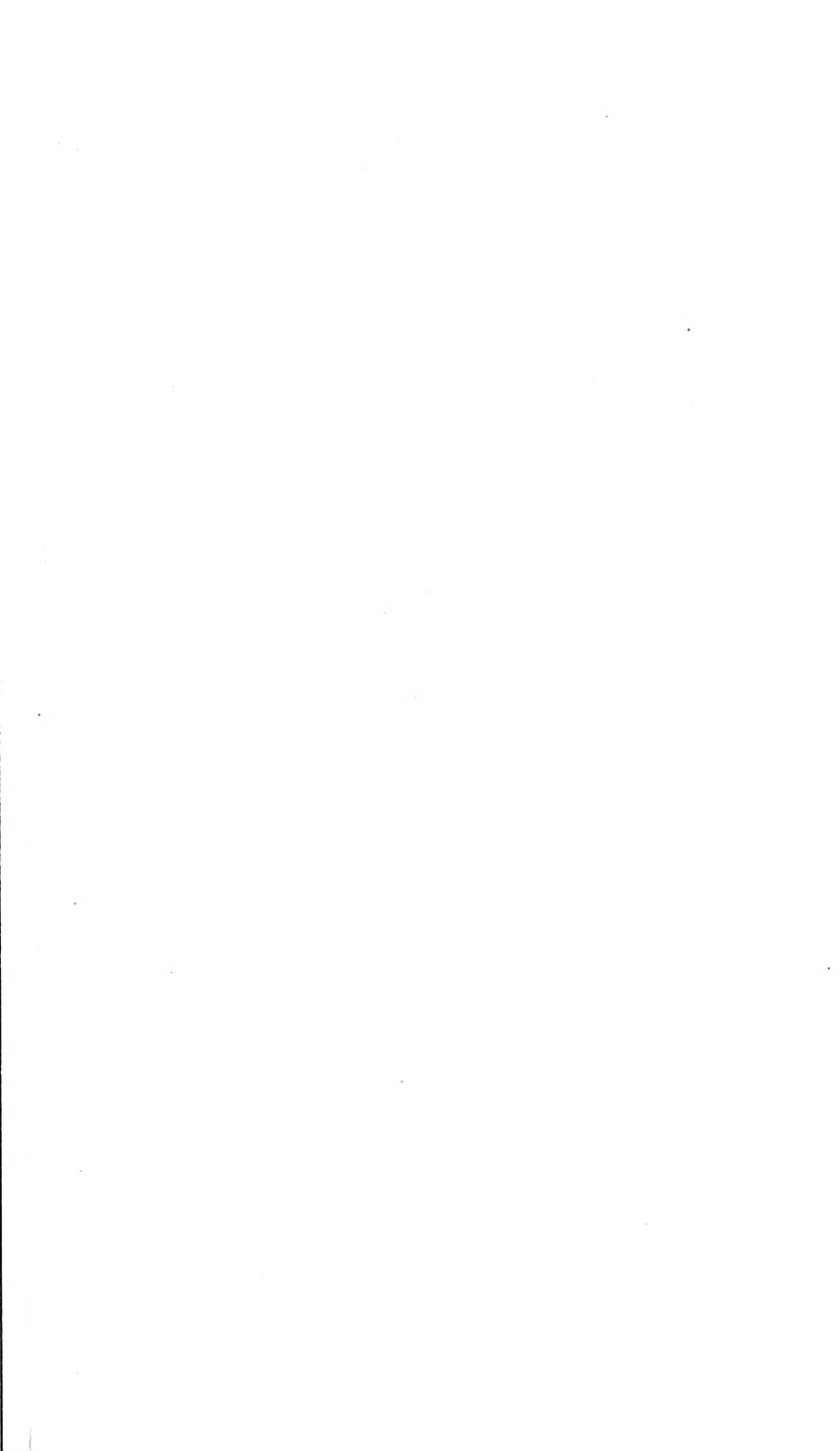






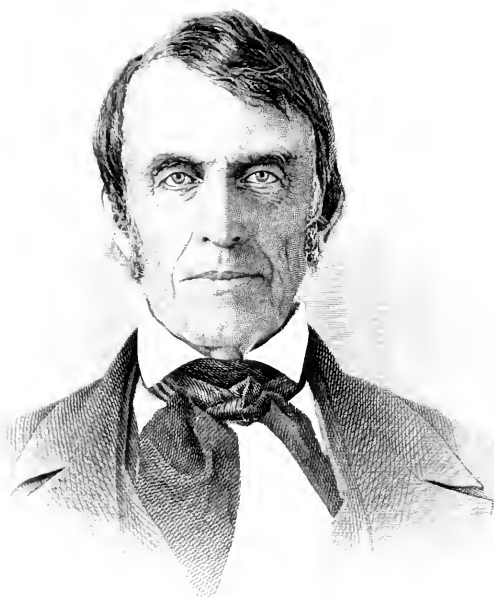












*James Peck Phinckson Cooke*

HISTORY OF ACWORTH,

WITH

The Proceedings of the Centennial Anniversary,

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS,

AND

REGISTER OF FARMS.

---

EDITED BY

REV. J. L. MERRILL,

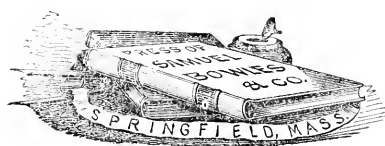
Town Historian.

---

ACWORTH:

PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN.

1869.





## P R E F A C E .

---

It is believed that the pledge given the subscribers to the "History of Acworth" has been redeemed. As full a report as possible has been made of the doings and sayings of the Centennial Anniversary, only two speeches being omitted. These were not reported to the compiler. The early history of the town has been made as full as the materials at hand would allow. Great pains have been taken to make the list of the owners of homesteads and the genealogical records accurate. Where families have taken the trouble to send in their family records, they will probably find but few mistakes. Sketches of professional men, natives of the town, are given so far as known. In many cases materials have not been at hand to make as full sketches as desirable, and in other cases the scissors have been freely used, both in genealogical records and sketches, that a disproportionate space might not be occupied. Comparatively few, and very brief sketches of the early inhabitants have been prepared, partly for want of materials, but more especially because, while the general standard of energy and thrift has always been high, there never has been an aristocracy of wealth or of worth—or rather the aristocracy of worth have been so numerous, and there has been such a sameness in their characteristics, induced by similarity of training, that it is impossible to select a few, without being unjust to the many necessarily passed over in silence.

It has been found necessary to adopt as a rule, that no sketches of the present inhabitants of the town should be written, for the same reason.

The book has been open for all to contribute portraits, who desired. But few likenesses of the early settlers could be procured, which fact we deeply regret.

Funeral sermons, obituary notices, college catalogues, oral and written statements of friends, and all other accessible sources of information have been consulted to perfect the sketches and other parts of the History, and we take this opportunity to thank the many friends of Acworth who have assisted in this work. The book has really had a large number of authors, so large that it is useless to give even a list of those whose very words have been used to convey the information they communicated, much less to give authority for every fact stated. J. H. Dickey, Esq., has contributed the list of owners of homesteads, a large part of the military history, many genealogical records, the sketches of the soldiers, besides many incidents in the other parts of the History. Rev. Daniel Lancaster has communicated many facts. Mrs. Sally Wilson of Ohio has contributed largely to the history of the first quarter of the present century, her very words being used in many instances. Mrs. Harvey Howard furnished the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. J. L. Whittemore the sketch of the Baptist Church.

The principal books of reference have been "Parker's History of Londonderry," "Belknap's History of New Hampshire," "Sketches of New Hampshire Churches," "Dr. Chapman's Alumni of Dartmouth College," "Jackson's Genealogical Report of New Hampshire," etc.

J. L. M.

ACWORTH, *April*, 1869.

# CONTENTS.

## PART I.

	PAGE.
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, . . . . .	9—117
Officers and Committees—Centennial Morning—Gathering at the Church—Letter from Col. I. H. Silsby—Song of Welcome—Address of Welcome—Centennial Address—Poem—Adjourned to the tent—Song, “A Hundred Years Ago”—Remarks by Rev. Daniel Lancaster—Rev. Dr. Orcutt—Dr. William Grout—J. M. Barnard, Esq.—Rev. Amos Foster—Ode—Remarks by Dr. A. R. Cummings—Rev. George Cooke—Song, “Our Acworth Home”—Remarks by Prof. Hiram Orcutt—George R. Brown, Esq.—Col. Thomas Clark—Parting Invocation—Response of Dr. E. G. Cummings—Rev. Hiram Houston—J. Davis, Esq.—George B. Brooks, Esq.—L. V. N. Peck, Esq.—David Campbell, Esq.—Jonathan Robinson, Esq.—Letters from President A. D. Smith, Hon. George W. Nesmith, Dr. E. S. Wright, Maj.-Gen. Cram, Hon. Nedon L. Angier, President N. J. Morrison, Rev. George Cooke, John Wilson, and Miss Lurinda Cummings.	

## PART II.

### HISTORY OF ACWORTH.

CHAPTER I. CIVIL HISTORY, . . . . .	118—142
Geographical and Geological Description of the Town—Charter—Settlement—Character of Settlers—A Secession Movement—The Village in 1800—Emigration—Spotted Fever—The Common—Cemeteries—Schools—Temperance—Ladies’ Charitable Society—Merchants—Mills—Present Condition of the Town—List of Town Officers.	
CHAPTER II. ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY, . . . . .	143—163
Congregational Church—First Meeting-House—Organization of the Church—Rev. Mr. Archibald—Rev. Mr. Kimball—Rev. Mr. Cooke—Rev. Messrs. Grosvenor, Merrill, Wright, Foster and Merrill—Sketch of the Baptist Church—Sketch of the Methodist Church.	

	PAGE.
CHAPTER III. MILITARY HISTORY, . . . . .	164—177
Militia—Revolutionary War—War of 1812—War of the Rebellion—	
Sketches of Soldiers Dying in the Service.	

## PART III.

GENEALOGY OF FAMILIES AND SKETCHES OF INDIVIDUALS, . . . . .	178—289
--	---------

## APPENDIX.

REGISTER OF HOMESTEADS, . . . . .	289—306
List of Homesteads in Town and Names of the Individuals who	
have Owned them.	

# INDEX TO PLATES.

	PAGE.
REV. PHINEHAS COOKE, . . . . .	FRONTISPIECE.
COL. I. H. SILSBY, . . . . .	15
REV. GILES BAILEY, . . . . .	18
MILAN DAVIDSON, . . . . .	42
REV. AMOS FOSTER AND WIFE, . . . . .	61
REV. DR. JOHN ORCUTT, . . . . .	71
J. M. BARNARD, ESQ., . . . . .	77
DR. A. R. CUMMINGS, . . . . .	85
PROF. HIRAM ORCUTT, . . . . .	90
DR. E. G. CUMMINGS, . . . . .	94
REV. HIRAM HOUSTON, . . . . .	96
DR. LYMAN BROOKS, . . . . .	99
REV. DR. WRIGHT, . . . . .	112
DANIEL GROUT, ESQ., AND WIFE, . . . . .	118
MRS. SALLY WILSON, . . . . .	130
GRANVILLE GILMORE, . . . . .	132
S. A. REED, . . . . .	135
DANIEL J. WARNER, ESQ., . . . . .	142
REV. JOSEPH MERRILL, . . . . .	153
REV. J. L. MERRILL, . . . . .	154
DAVID BLANCHARD, ESQ., . . . . .	168
THERON DUNCAN, . . . . .	172
NATHANIEL WARNER, . . . . .	178
HON. NEDOM L. ANGIER, . . . . .	181
MRS. BARNARD, . . . . .	185
LEWIS CAMPBELL, ESQ., . . . . .	197
MORRIS CLARK, ESQ., . . . . .	200
JAMES G. DICKEY, ESQ., . . . . .	209

No. 1—Rev. J. L. Merrill, G. Gilmore, D. J. Warner, George Bailey. *District No. 2*—James Wallace, Thomas Ball, D. Blanchard. *District No. 3*—Jesse Slader, Joseph Hayward. *District No. 4*—John Grout, Daniel Clark. *District No. 5*—Samuel McLure, Robert McLure, E. Cram. *District No. 6*—J. Tracy, S. P. Barnard, C. J. Davis. *District No. 7*—T. M. Dickey, Dexter Copeland, P. W. Pettingill. *District No. 8*—F. Hemphill, E. Grout, J. Gleason. *District No. 9*—Rev. J. L. Whittemore, Adna Keyes, Rodney Buss. *District No. 10*—George R. Brown, E. M. Kempton, S. Beekwith. *District No. 11 and 13*—George Houston, Rev. J. H. Lord, Rev. A. K. Howard, H. Howard. *District No. 12*—David Whitney, J. H. Dickey.

Committee to furnish historical sketches of the several churches, resident ministers and Sabbath schools—Rev. J. L. Merrill, Rev. J. L. Whittemore, Rev. J. H. Lord, Rev. A. K. Howard.

Committee of invitation—Jesse Slader, Nathaniel Warner, Granville Gilmore.

Committee of finance—Zenas Slader, Charles B. Cummings, J. F. Murdough.

Committee of publication—Rev. J. L. Merrill, Rev. J. H. Lord, Rev. J. L. Whittemore.

Committee of roll of honor, to report lists of revolutionary soldiers, of the war of 1812, and the late war—Ebenezer Grout, C. M. Woodbury, C. E. Spencer, J. F. Page.

Committee to prepare a list of town officers—D. J. Warner, C. M. Woodbury, S. McKeen, Jr., J. G. Silsby, C. B. Cummings.

Committee to prepare a list and short sketches of those who have obtained a collegiate education, and those who have entered the ministry and professions of law and medicine, including resident physicians—Jesse Slader, Dr. N. G. Brooks, Dr. S. T. Smith, H. N. Hayward.

Committee to sketch notices of merchants, manufacturers, mechanics and mills—C. M. Woodbury, E. Cummings, William Hayward, Nathan Adams, J. M. Reed.

Committee to furnish band music—Maj. E. Cummings, J. B. Richardson.

Committee to furnish vocal music—S. H. Bascomb, William L. Woodbury, William Atwood.

Committee to prepare sentiments and appoint persons to respond thereto—George Bailey, J. A. Wood, Rev. A. K. Howard, G. Gilmore, C. J. Davis.

Committee to furnish gun and powder, and manage the same—R. Hilliard, Samuel McKeen, Jr., L. Buswell, Henry T. Buss.

Committee to furnish lumber and erect seats and tables—Barnet C. Finlay, Sylvester A. Reed, Alvin Davidson, Levi Prentiss, S. Harding, Francis Buss, Asa Dodge, G. W. Lathrop, D. G. Osgood, Benjamin Nichols, G. Gilmore, W. W. Johnson, I. Campbell, C. K. Brooks, C. A. Snow, S. Finlay, Curtis Warner, A. W. Barney, J. S. Symonds, P. Monroe, D. A. Ryder, R.

Walker, Warren Thayer, Levi Davis, O. B. Burnham, B. P. Wood, Theron Hull, A. W. Sparling, Amasa Lincoln, Roswell George, L. Morse, R. G. Bascomb, Joel Porter, B. S. King, I. Newton, O. R. Kemp, H. Heard, Jr., A. M. Bragg, G. M. Gowen, J. B. Buck, D. Peasley.

Committee to solicit and receive contributions for, arrange, decorate, and wait upon tables. The chairmen of the District Committees to constitute a supervisory committee: *District No. 1*—John Blanchard and lady, M. M. Warner and lady, George Bailey and lady, D. C. Anderson and lady, E. S. Chatterton and lady, Mrs. L. Harding, Miss Josephine Brooks, Miss Mary Chatterton, Miss Susan Dodge, Miss Lucia Perham, Miss Emma Howe, Miss Ellen Moore, Miss Lizzie Gould, Miss H. F. Warner, Miss Esther Finlay, Miss Ella Wood, Miss Eliza Prentiss, Miss Philetta M. Slader, Miss Nettie Neal, Miss Georgianna Hayward, W. C. Neal and lady, J. P. Cram and lady, M. M. Woodbury and lady, Harvey Lincoln and lady, C. A. Hull and lady, John M. Smith and lady, H. Murdough and lady, M. P. Thornton and lady, W. F. Hilliard, Henry Cram, E. A. Warner, William Brooks, L. Tracy, A. M. Dodge, S. A. Hayward, A. O. Hayward, H. D. C. Tracy, R. Carey. *District No. 2*—S. Blanchard and lady, S. S. King and lady, G. H. Heard and lady, A. A. Mathewson and lady, A. H. Church and lady, J. H. Clark and lady, H. B. Reed and lady, J. Osgood and lady, J. Brackett and lady, F. E. Brackett and lady, William Whipple, T. B. Hayward, J. Warner. *District No. 3*—S. S. Finlay and lady, L. Grout and lady, S. O. Taylor and lady, F. S. Trow and lady, Miss Jennie Finlay, Miss Emma Grout, A. S. Finlay, N. G. Slader, Samuel Slader, J. Finlay. *District No. 4*—Daniel Clark and lady, D. Eaton and lady, D. C. Walker and lady, M. D. Gould and lady, I. J. Page and lady, Misses Johnson, Misses Stevens, G. W. Stevens, G. P. Johnson, W. Copeland, Miss Sarah Whipple. *District No. 5*—Daniel Gay and lady, W. B. Reed and lady, J. W. Howe and lady, M. V. B. Peek and lady, J. Vinton and lady, R. L. Howe and lady, A. Buswell and lady, D. W. Thompson and lady, H. D. Wallace and lady, Miss E. Lathrop. *District No. 6*—C. J. Davis and lady, J. N. Davis and lady, G. W. Neal and lady, H. F. Burnham and lady, J. B. Traey and lady, G. F. Youngman and lady, Misses Barnard, Miss Sarah Davis, L. H. Davis, J. Buswell, O. Symonds. *District No. 7*—D. Nye and lady, J. M. Davis and lady, C. A. Lawton and lady, O. Chapin and lady, T. B. Bachelder and lady, H. Buswell and lady, W. M. Pettingill and lady, M. O. Kennedy, J. T. Mitchell, D. J. Thayer, Miss Anna Thayer, Miss Mary Bachelder, Misses Richardson, Miss B. J. Pearson, Miss Nellie Kennedy. *District No. 8*—George W. Young and lady, G. F. Nichols and lady, J. B. Clough and lady, G. W. Hilliard and lady, J. L. McKeen and lady, M. Gassett and lady, J. Crossett and lady, Mrs. L. Sanborn, Miss Abbie Ware, J. Perham, H. G. Perham. *District No. 9*—J. W. Moore and lady, F. Buss and lady, F. P. Fletcher and lady, W. Dana and lady, J. H. Dyer and lady, Miss Mariam Symonds, Misses Mitchell, A. M. Mitchell, M. A. Boynton, M. P. Howe,

J. Symonds. *District No. 10*—J. H. Brown, D. C. George and lady, W. B. Tinker and lady, C. Richardson and lady, F. Ellenwood and lady, Miss Jennie Greeley, Miss Amanda Kempton, G. Smith, C. Metcalf. *District No. 11*—J. A. Wood and lady, J. F. Richardson and lady, S. Symonds and lady, T. B. Richardson and lady, L. Randall and lady, J. McKeen and lady, G. B. Fields and lady, C. Dingman and lady, C. E. Hardy and lady, H. N. Hayward and lady, C. D. Peck and lady, A. Graham and lady, S. E. Mann and lady, W. Gassett and lady, Miss Olive Wood, Miss Minerva Adams, Miss E. Barney, Miss Maria Mann, Miss Ella Monroe, Miss Clara Howard, Miss Ellen Houston, Miss Mary Houston, Mrs. C. D. Whitman, G. Reed, U. Peck, S. Howard, C. E. Spencer and lady, H. L. Silsby and lady, Miss Ella Reed, E. G. Campbell. *Districts No. 12 and 13*—J. A. Dickey and lady, George P. Dickey and lady, L. R. Hardy and lady, D. Peasley and lady, E. Green and lady, M. Moulton and lady, S. W. King, G. H. Howard, G. F. Watts, Miss Watts, Miss Buck, Miss Julia Osgood, Misses Heard, Miss Gowen.

Committee to provide for guests—William Hayward, C. K. Brooks, A. Lincoln, A. W. Sparling, E. Cummings.

Most of those appointed on the committees cheerfully performed the work assigned them, so that the old adage, "Many hands make light work," was verified. Upon the chairmen of the leading committees, however, came the principal part of the care. This was especially true of the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, who was indefatigable in his efforts to make the celebration a success.

The Committee of Invitation sent letters of invitation to all the former citizens of Acworth, whose address they could ascertain. These were very generally accepted in person, especially by the aged, many verging upon threescore years and ten, and several past that age, returned once more to visit their native town. Mrs. Sally Wilson, aged 82 years, though unable to walk without crutches, came from Ohio, and Mrs. Hammond, aged 89 years, a daughter of the first school-teacher in Acworth, Mr. Samuel Smith, was present from Fairlee, Vt. Probably every Northern State was represented and many of the Southern States.

The extra stages arrived, for days preceding the Anniversary, filled with passengers. So many people never lodged in Acworth at one time as during the nights preceding and following the Centennial, and yet thousands poured in from every quarter upon the morning of that day, and returned to their homes in the evening. To the disappointment of all, the morning was dark and threaten-

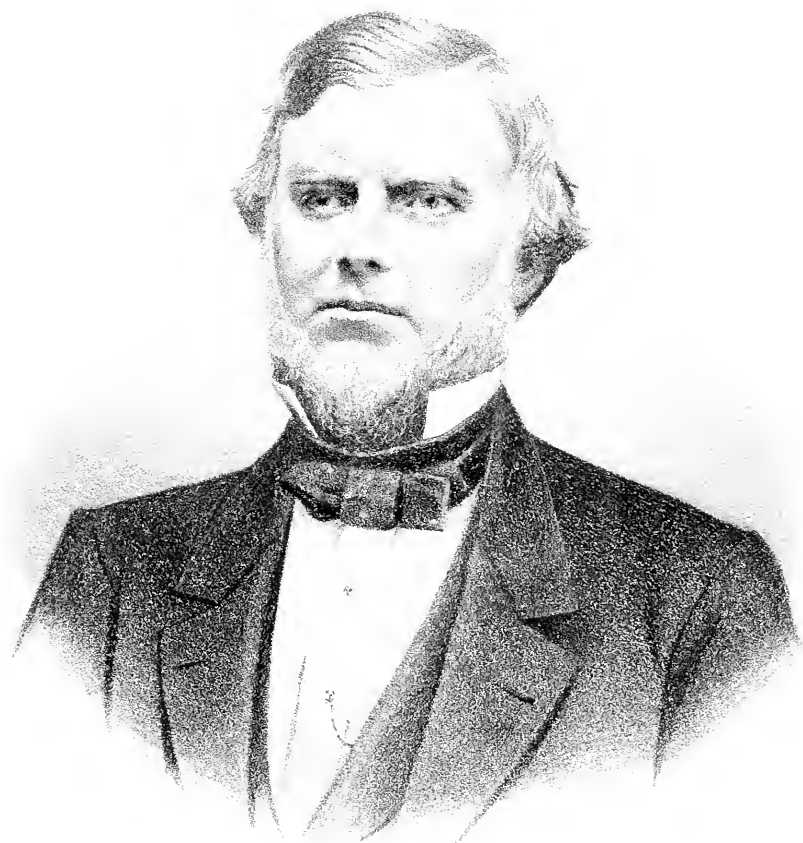


ing, and before the exercises at the church commenced, the rain began to fall, and hundreds went away from the crowded church, not knowing where to find shelter, though the citizens of the village threw open their houses to all. The scene is best described in the following lines extracted from a poem suggested by the occasion :

“Aeworth! it is thy gala day,  
And banners now are floating gay,  
And though the raindrops from the trees,  
Are shaken by the sougling breeze,  
And mist-clouds on the hills around,  
Are swaying downwards to the ground,  
And all think in a short time more  
The threatening heavens will surely pour.  
Yet rolling drum, and bugle note,  
Are on the breezes heard to float,  
And thousands in thy streets are met,  
And thousands more are coming yet.  
For creaking wains, and rattling stages,  
Freighted with bipeds of all ages,  
Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters,  
Are rushing hither from all quarters,  
And you have but to ope your eyes  
To see of every grade and size;  
Here loud the puling infant screeches,  
There struts a chap just out in breeches;  
The short, the tall, the thin, the stout,  
The fat, the lean, for all are out.  
Some sitting down, some walking slow,  
Some looking, seeming not to know  
Exactly where 'tis best to go  
To get the focus of the show.  
And thus some hasten up the hill  
The crowded church more full to fill,  
While leisurely the steps are bent  
Of others, towards the mammoth tent.  
And all are sure a crowd to meet  
Whichever way they turn their feet.  
For not in mansion or in cot,  
Or yard, or lane, or street, or lot,  
Can any one discern a spot  
Where Mr. Somebody is not,  
And all is blithe apparently  
As if no cloud obscured the sky.

But what came all this crowd to see?  
The products of a century?  
Why, *no*, friend, but each hungry sinner  
Has come up here to get the dinner,  
Which generous Acworth tenders free  
To all this goodly company.  
For yonder mammoth tent now holds  
Beneath its overarching folds,  
As good a dinner as a man  
Can find this side of Hindoostan,  
And every guest desires in heart  
Shortly to bolt a bounteous part,  
And verily there is enough,  
This mighty multitude to *stuff*,  
For turkeys, chickens, puddings, pies,  
In long succession greet the eyes;  
And cake of every kind, and fruit,  
The daintiest appetite to suit;  
For know, for all that's good and sweet  
The cooks of Acworth can't be beat.  
So every guest may take his fill  
Of every dainty that he will,  
And some there'll be who'll doubtless say,  
As they go on their homeward way,  
I never yet in all my life,  
Ate dinner, cooked by maid or wife  
So *good* as that I've ate to-day.

Old Acworth! Oh how many hearts  
Are thrilled with rapture to the core,  
At the sweet joy thy name imparts,  
As now they look on thee once more,  
Who from their far abodes have come  
To breathe once more thy blessed air,  
And see again their dear old home,  
And think of all who once were there,  
Whose tears drop fast as they recall  
The memories of their early days;  
Their father, mother, friends, and all  
The blessings strewn along their ways.  
And well it is that they should throng  
To view their native hills once more,  
These glorious *hills* from which were drawn  
The principles that made them men,



*J. H. Silsby*



Where first the inspiration came  
 From father's prayer and mother's song,  
 That led their souls to love the right  
 That led them to despise the wrong.  
 And where the love of country first  
 Was in each youthful heart so nursed,  
 That as they saw her banner fly  
 They grudged not for her weal to die,  
 But in a hundred bloody fights  
 Stood up, and battled for her rights."

The exercises of Centennial Day commenced at 10 A. M. The following letter had been received from Col. I. H. Silsby of Boston, Mass., who had been appointed to preside:

NEWTON CORNER, MASS., September 14, 1868.

*Gentlemen of the Executive Committee*,—When you kindly tendered me the honorable position of presiding officer at your Centennial, I at first declined; not because I did not feel a deep interest in my native town; not because my heart was not in this celebration, but simply because I thought you had others better qualified by nature and experience to discharge the duties of that office, and it was only at the most earnest solicitation of my *dear lamented* father, that I consented to serve you. From the first intimation he had from you of your intentions, his whole heart was in the project—and he ever gave the various committees with whom he was in correspondence, all the information he could, most cheerfully. And as the day drew near, his thoughts were more centered upon it; morning, noon and night it was his theme. Though our hearts bled at his sudden departure, depriving us of a dear and affectionate father, and thus breaking the circle of *eleven* I had hoped to present at your festival, yet I had determined, as far as possible, to forget my affliction, and serve you to the best of my ability.

But, alas! how little do we know what a day may bring forth! The ways of Providence are past finding out.

It was hard for me to see a fortune just within my grasp, swept from me forever in the twinkling of an eye, by *devouring fire*. It was heart-rending for me to hold in my arms a *dying father*; and now imagine my bitter anguish as I stand by the bedside night and day, of my *poor, sick, dying son*. It is this double affliction that keeps me from you to-day, and much as I regret this absence, and much as you are disappointed, yet I sincerely *hope* and *pray* that you and your people will bear with me in this affliction, and *justify me* in my absence from the duties you had assigned me; painful as it is to me, and embarrassing as it is to you. It would have been my pride to be with you, and to present my *dear father* to you, thus delighting him. But an *all-wise Providence* has ordered it otherwise! Man *proposes*, God *disposes*. Wishing you much success, I remain, with much esteem, your obedient servant, I. H. SILSBY.

Rev. Amos Foster being invited, acted as President of the day in the absence of Col. Silsby. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Davis Brainerd of Lyme, Ct. The following song of greeting, composed by Miss L. Cummings of Ashburnham, Mass., was sung by the choir :

# SONG OF WELCOME.

TUNE—*Edinburg.*

We welcome our absent ones home, with a zest,  
From the North and the South, from the East and the West—  
For Acworth a true mother's heart would display,  
As she gathers her children around her to-day.

“Happy greeting to all—Happy greeting to all—  
Happy greeting—Happy greeting,  
Happy greeting to all.”

To the sweet scenes of childhood, we welcome you back,  
To wander again o'er each turf-beaten track—  
And children adopted, who hither have come,  
Our birthright shall share in the ancestral home!

“Happy greeting to all”—&c.

We welcome you all, to our glorious hills—  
To our beautiful river, and bright dancing rills—  
To our noble old forests—so dense, and so grand,  
The homes of our song-birds—the pride of our land.

“Happy greeting to all”—&c.

To our dear sacred altars, we welcome you, too;  
Our homes and our fire-sides are waiting for you;  
Our hearts' cherished treasures—our own precious friends  
Are the very best gifts the All-merciful sends!

“Happy greeting to all”—&c.

The aged we welcome, with reverence due,  
And cordial affection, from hearts that are true;  
Our hands to all others we freely extend,  
And meet every one as a personal friend.

“Happy greeting to all”—&c.

Then let us rejoice, this Centennial Day,  
Enjoying the bright hours of life while we may;  
When Fruit, Buds and Blossoms together we see,  
Unitedly crowning our *Century Tree*!

“Happy greeting to all”—&c.

Lyman J. Brooks, Esq., of Newport, delivered the following address of welcome:

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*—It is always pleasant to speak words of welcome—to extend hospitalities to our friends, but it is especially so at this time, when in the name of all the citizens of Acworth, I bid you a sincere and hearty welcome.

The custom of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of our towns and cities, and the formation of social and literary societies and institutions, is a beautiful and appropriate one, and in accordance with such a time-honored usage you have been invited to visit us this day, and participate in these memorial exercises.

We have met to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the settlement of the town—to do honor to the memory of those, who one hundred years ago, left home, and all its comforts, and in a wilderness laid the foundations of those new homes, and social institutions, which we of the present day enjoy. The presence of so many of the sons and daughters of Acworth with us to-day, gives us, I assure you, great satisfaction and pleasure.

While the occasion furnishes a favorable opportunity to renew *old* and form new acquaintances, which we trust, you will all fully improve, still the great end to be achieved in this centennial meeting, is to gather up and preserve in some suitable manner the unwritten and legendary history of the fathers and the mothers, that the future sons and daughters may better know and appreciate the hard labors, severe trials, and sterling worth of their ancestors, and to this duty, as well as pleasure, we most cordially welcome you.

A century has passed since the first settlers visited this town, and what a change has taken place! They saw before them only unbroken forests, and innumerable hardships. Their only welcome was the howls of wild beasts. While you who have come to day to visit the homes and friends of childhood, or the places where you spent the earlier scenes of manhood, are surrounded by the fruits of an hundred years of labor and civilization, and on all sides the warm hand of friendship extends to you a joyous welcome. The citizens have spared no labor or trouble to make this occasion one of pleasure, as well as profit to you.

A long order of exercises remind me that the mere formal words of welcome must be brief and quickly spoken. Accept, therefore, friends, each and all of you, the kindly greetings and welcome of old Acworth, in the same generous spirit in which she tenders them to you, and when this day's work is completed, your pleasant visit ended, and you return to your homes, let not the memory of early days be forgotten, nor the old or new friendship cease.

# Centennial Address.

---

BY REV. GILES BAILEY,  
OF BELFAST, ME.

---

*Mr. President, and Fellow-Citizens:*—We meet to-day under circumstances of peculiar interest. The year is the first Centennial Anniversary of our dear old native town. From the East and the West, the North and the South, we have come, to join with the residents in doing her honor. On the old Common we grasp warm hands in friendly greeting. In these hospitable homes we recount the varied experiences of our lives, and revive the memories of long ago. In this sacred place, where most of us first heard the public teachings of the gospel, we unite in prayers and songs to the common Father, lifting our hearts in glad thanksgiving, that He has permitted us to see this day, and granted this meeting of old friends and fellow-townsmen.

A hundred years have passed since William Keyes, Samuel Harper and others, made their home in the unbroken forests which then covered these hills and valleys. What momentous events have crowned the century! The thirteen colonies, stretched along the Atlantic Coast, and on the eastern slope of the Alleghany Ridge, have swelled to thirty-six "free and independent States," leaving inhabited and uninhabited territory enough to form twice as many more. Our country's domain reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and, since the acquisition of Alaska, in a nearly unbroken chain, from the peninsula of California to the Arctic Ocean. Its population has increased from three millions to thirty-five millions. From a state of poverty it has come to rival in wealth the proudest of the nations of the Old World. During the period it has declared, and vindicated by force of arms, its independence of the mother country. It has successfully fought with the parent nation a second war, for the freedom of commerce





Yours Truly G. Bailey



and the right to traverse unimpeded the highway of the seas. It has waged a two years' conflict with the Mexican Republic, resulting in the acquisition of the richest mineral lands on the North American Continent. And it has just emerged from the most gigantic civil war the world ever saw, freed from the evil which precipitated the contest, purified of the stain which had made it a reproach to the cause of freedom, its territory intact, its prosperity unimpaired, and the power of its government vindicated and maintained.

Who shall rehearse the marvellous changes of these hundred years, the progress of the arts, the discoveries in the physical sciences, and the wonderful inventions, which have so quickened human activity and revolutionized social life? We tire in the vain attempt to recall them, and to comprehend the magnitude of their results. A few among us to-day have lived to see nearly all the changes which have transpired during the life of this town; but the most of those who enjoy the blessings of the hour, have come upon the stage during the latter half of the century. Of those who lived here fifty years ago, death has claimed the greater share.

The theme of the hour is predetermined. My remarks would be regarded as irrelevant to the occasion, were I to speak otherwise than of physical peculiarities of the town, its past history, the character of the fathers, and its present condition.

The cradle in which we were rocked was not one of luxury. The soil and climate of this region are not adapted to nurture an effeminate race. These hills are not fitted for the raising of those, whose distinguishing qualities are gentleness of manners and softness of character. The rough surface of the town could not be cultivated by gentlemen in kids; nor were the boys who grew up on these farms, likely to be noted for the whiteness of their hands. To fell the forests, and subdue the land in its primitive state, required a hardy energy, which would mark their general demeanor. Those who were accustomed to break the snow-drifts, on these highways, in the depths of New Hampshire winters, would not be likely to shrink before any conflict life might impose. An author, writing in 1821, said: "Few towns, if any, discover more marks of laborious industry." It *was* an industry, severe and constantly laborious, which could change the wilderness of a century ago, into the fruitful fields of the days of my boyhood. Nature was not lavish in her gifts of fertility to these

granite hills; but the energy of our fathers evoked from them enough to meet the demands of life. Though their toil was severe, the returns for their industry, if not greatly abundant, were yet sufficient to fill their homes with cheerfulness, and their hearts with gratitude to the Giver. The remark was often made in my younger days, that, though Acworth could not boast of her wealth, but few towns were so exempt from cases of abject poverty. The prayer of Agur seems to have been answered in behalf of this people: "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

With feelings of honest pride, we speak of such surroundings as those amid which we were reared, remembering that similar were the circumstances attending the early life of some of the foremost men of the age and nation. Very pertinent was the reply to the sneering inquiry, "What can you raise in New England?" "We raise men, sir!"

There is a remarkable tendency in this country, to the decay of old families and the disintegration of old estates. The constant transference of the hardy men of the country to the city, to fill the places of those who rot in its hot-beds, is required, to keep the currents of business from stagnating. The names once conspicuous in the affairs of state and nation, are not the prominent ones of to-day. These hills and valleys are the nurseries, whence are transplanted the fresh young trees that flourish in the richer soil of more active business communities. Amid the rugged scenes of country life were reared the Websters, Casses, Woodburys and Jacksons, of a former period, and the Douglasses, Lincolns, Chases and Grants, of the present hour. Daniel Webster is reported to have said, that New Hampshire was "a good State to emigrate from." With greater reverence for the place of our birth, we should say, that it is a good State in which to be born and reared.

The influences of the scenes of our early lives, live in our hearts to-day. Widely separated as our present residences may be; whether living amid the rushing tides of a giant empire at the West, under the sunny skies of a reconstructed South, in the rugged climate of "the New Dominion" of the British Provinces, or on the isle-studded shores of the Pine Tree State; we have been moulded in our characters by impressions received amid the

hills and valleys of our native town. They have entered into the textures of our minds, and become a part of ourselves. We carry with us the events which occurred, and the scenes in which we took an active part, in our younger days. Something of "Old Acworth" lives and breathes in us, wherever we are, and whatever our characters in other respects.

The present contains the past. We of to-day are but the product of the centuries. All ages of men have conspired to mould and train us. They have united to give direction to our thoughts, and to shape our destinies. Especially is it true of the age and people who have just preceded us. They have left their impress on our minds and hearts. Something of those sturdy old men, whose shadows move before us as we look into the mirror of the past history, breathes within us. Their thoughts and words and deeds have contributed to make their descendants what they are; and we of the present, in a certain measure, revive the thoughts and re-enact the deeds of our fathers. Rightly to interpret the present, we must know something of the past. Rightly to know ourselves, we must be able to decipher the hieroglyphics, written by those who preceded us, on the stage of active life. As he who would perceive the full meaning of the Christian religion must become familiar with that of Moses and the Jews, of which it is the outgrowth; so also must he who would see the full significance of the time in which he lives, become acquainted with the spirit of the ages that preceded it.

I shall not attempt to give a detailed history of the town. That labor is to be performed by abler hands, and by those having better facilities for learning the facts. I shall only advert to some portions of that history, as serving to elucidate my theme.

Three waves of immigrants appear to have met in this town, and aided in its early settlement. The first was from Connecticut; and probably, though of this I am not certain, it was composed of the descendants of those hardy pioneers, who at an earlier period, went from the vicinity of Boston, through the then unbroken wilderness, to plant that colony. The Harpers, the Silsbys, the Keyeses, the Chattertons and others, were of this class. On the earliest records of the town their names constantly occur, together with those of others, who came from the nearer settlements of the Massachusetts Bay Province. A tradition, years ago often repeated, relates that the flourishing willows, near the brook that runs through the old Silsby farm, sprang from a rod, used as a

staff and for the driving of cattle, by one of the family, on the journey from Windham, Connecticut. It may be so; though it mars the story somewhat, to have so many willows through the country claiming a similar origin.

These Connecticut people brought with them the peculiarities of the colony whence they came—the industrious habits and strong religious convictions, which gave character to the town. Its good name among the surrounding settlements is mainly to be ascribed to the strict morality and ardent piety of its first settlers. In 1771, the little community held its first town meeting at the house of Capt. Henry Silsby, and laid the foundation for that orderly management of town affairs, for which the place was long noted. With but two or three exceptions, the meetings were held at Capt. Silsby's house, till the first meeting-house was sufficiently completed to be used for that purpose.

The next wave came from Londonderry, and was composed of the descendents of the old Scotch Presbyterians, who had left their native soil in Argyleshire, and settled in Ulster County, Ireland, in the early part of the seventeenth century. Their ancestors had not felt at home in Ireland. Rigidly adhering to the Reformed religion, and intensely in earnest in their devotion to the teachings of their faith, they had little community of interest with the people of the island. The latter, though subject to the Protestant power, were yet as bitterly opposed to the Reformed faith, as the Protestants were to Catholicism. The two races could not unite. They were opposed to each other, not only in religion, but in their habits and modes of thought and feeling. They had different origins. They nursed in their hearts the recollection of centuries of enmity and strife. It is not strange that a portion of these people, thus surrounded by Catholics, and hemmed in by a ruder civilization than their own, should turn their thoughts to the New World, and seek a more congenial home, in its less genial climate, and on its less fertile soil. Providence led a large company of them, after spending an uncommonly inclement winter on the coast of Maine, to the town of Haverhill, on the Merrimack River. They heard of an unoccupied but excellent tract of land, fifteen miles distant, to which they directed their way. It was in the spring of 1719. Under the shade of an oak, they organized a church according to the prescribed forms, and elected their pastor. And there they laid the foundations of a community, which was destined to act an important part in the early history of the State,

and to furnish some of its most prominent statesmen. The butter-nut, chestnut and walnut abounded, and the place had been called Nutfield. Very properly it took the name of Londonderry, from the place in Ulster County, Ireland, whence the settlers had come.

Some of the people of Londonderry came to Acworth, as early as 1772, and united with those who had already come from Connecticut, in laying the foundations of the civil and religious privileges, with which the town has been for a century signally blest. Your Finlays, Dickeys, McLures, McKeens, Andersons, Gilmores and others, are descendants of settlers from Londonderry. The immigrants from Ireland had brought the seed of the flax to their new home in America; and the towns where they settled became noted for its culture, and the manufacture of linen fabrics. The spinning-wheel, turned by the foot, became an indispensable article of furniture in every family; and there are not many of the older houses of Acworth, in which specimens of this antiquated implement of home industry may not be found, stowed away in the garrets. To the Scotch-Irish settlers of New Hampshire, the country is also indebted for the potato, now so generally used in the homes of the rich and the poor alike.

These people agreed with the families from Connecticut, in accepting the doctrines of the Westminster Catechism; but they differed in their views of ecclesiastical government. Naturally there were some jealousies between them. There were prejudices to be overcome, and conflicting interests to be harmonized. But the difficulties were not insurmountable; they were gradually removed; and the two races united in their social and religious interests. It was a sturdy element that was thus introduced, and to it the town is greatly indebted for the development of its resources. It gave to the place a character somewhat marked and peculiar.

In 1635, some sixty families had come over from Yorkshire, England, and settled in Rowley, on the Merrimack. They had been manufacturers of woolen cloth in the old country, and they erected in Rowley the first woolen mill in America. Their descendants had spread over many towns in the vicinity. Many of them had made themselves homes in Francetown, Weare, Deering, New Boston, and Mount Vernon. Tradition tells us, that some of the Londonderry people, going to and returning from Acworth, gave so favorable a report of the facilities it afforded for making good farms, that many were induced to remove thither. This

gave rise to the third wave, which came from Weare and vicinity, composed mostly of the descendants of the Yorkshire settlers, on the Merrimack, in Massachusetts. The Goves, the Baileys, one branch of the Carltons, the Dodges, Sargents, Atwoods, and Crams were among these settlers. This classification of the early inhabitants, of course, is not perfect. As the town increased in population, families came from many places far apart, influenced, it would seem, by that love of change and the hope of bettering their condition, inherent in our national character. These different peoples lived, for the most part, in harmony, side by side; during the war of Independence, they were united in their feelings for the cause of liberty; they worshiped at the same altar; they intermarried and became a homogeneous people.

Our fathers were a God-fearing people; and in this, as in other respects, they were worthy descendants of their Puritan and Presbyterian ancestors. One of the first objects of their solicitude was, to obtain the stated ministry of the gospel for themselves and children. Having held their first annual town-meeting, within three years of the coming of the first settlers, they called a special meeting in August, in the language of the warrant, "to fix and lay out a place for a meeting-house, if they shall think proper; also, a convenient common thereto, and a burying-yard for said town." At the meeting, it was voted "that the meeting-house be set on ten acres of land," the boundaries of which were specified, "to be laid out in a square form; and that the remaining part of the ten acres be appropriated for a burying-lot and commonage." Though so few in numbers and so feeble in means, yet they voted in 1774, "to send for Rev. George Gilmore, to come and preach with us one month or more, in order to settle with us in the work of the ministry." A church of eight persons had been formed, in March, 1773.

With feelings of deep sympathy we follow them in their efforts to secure a place of worship, where the incense of their hearts, united in the fear of God, and the love of Christ, should be offered; and a pastor, who should teach them the truths of religion, and win them, by the example of his life, into the path of heaven. It was a time of peril and gloom. The troubles which resulted in the war of the Revolution were gathering, and the conflict soon burst upon the land, with all its horrors. The call for men soon reached the infant settlement, and taxes were laid which they found it difficult to meet. But while loyal to their country, they



did not forget their allegiance to heaven. Liberty, without the blessings of the gospel, would be for them of little value ; and they counted all material interests, as not worthy to be compared with the riches of the Christian life and the hope of eternity. How to obtain the means to build a sanctuary to the Lord, and how secure the benefits of the preached word, were objects they ever kept in view. For twenty-one years, they prayed and endeavored, before their first pastor, Rev. Thomas Archibald, was ordained and installed. During the period they had had preaching, some part of the time, nearly, if not quite, every year ; and the number of their church-members had increased to fifty-eight.

The records of the town tell us with what solemnity they proceeded in the matter of settling a minister. Everything was done decently and in order. May 18, 1779, they instructed a committee to invite the candidate to preach on probation. July 25th, they voted to give him a call, and charged the committee to inform him of the proceedings. September 3d, as if to proceed in accordance with established usage, they voted "to unite with the church" in a form of call which is recorded at length. "In the most solemn manner, as in the presence of God, they invited, entreated and called upon him to take the pastoral care and charge over them, promising him due submission and love in the Lord, and also a comfortable support and maintenance." A committee of twelve was raised "to confer with the candidate and desire him to deliver his principles in writing." It was voted "to raise fifty pounds as a settlement, one-fourth part to be paid in gold or silver, and the remainder, equal to beef at twenty shillings per hundred weight, wheat at five shillings per bushel, rye at three shillings and sixpence, and flax and butter at seven pence ;" also, "to raise fifty pounds as salary," to be paid in the same way ; and "to add five pounds a year, till it amounts to seventy-five pounds, there to remain during his ministerial relation."

October 7th, at another legal meeting, a day was appointed for the ordination, the council was agreed upon, and the requisite committees chosen. At the next annual meeting, the expenses incurred preliminary to the settlement and at the ordination, were provided for. These proceedings were in marked contrast with the levity, with which pastor and people now often come together. They looked upon the minister as the servant of Christ. They revered him for his high office ; and they felt that in listening to his teachings, and observing them, they would be blest.

They were nearly as long in obtaining a place of worship. The frame of the first meeting-house was raised and probably covered, in 1784; but it was not completed, and the pews assigned, till 1787. By votes passed at several regular and special town-meetings, it appears that the glazing, plastering and joinering were done at different periods, as the people were able to pay for the work. No record shows it to have been formally dedicated. Its only consecration was in the hearts of those who met within its homely walls, for the worship of the Everlasting Father. I well remember the plain old structure; its box pews, with high banisters, over which I used to look in childish wonder, at the minister in the pulpit, and the singers in the galleries; the seats, hung with hinges and turned up during prayer, and whose clatter at the close was the only audible response to the minister's *amen*; and the sounding-board, which I used to watch in constant terror, lest it should fall and crush the good man who stood beneath it! Without form or comeliness, and all destitute of beauty or grace of proportions, it was yet to many souls "none other but the house of God and the very gate of heaven." The worship within was quite as sincere, and quite as acceptable in the sight of God, as that which is offered in the costlier shrines of more modern times. Though the edifice was mean, yet many souls which bowed at its altar, were adorned with all the beauty and grace of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The Lord's Day was kept with great strictness by these people. Whether beginning on Saturday night at sunset, or as now at midnight, it was a season of profound solemnity. How still everything was! No sound of labor or of mirth was heard; only the going to and returning from public worship, or the voice of prayer and praise. It was a day of rest for the body, and of refreshment for the soul. Many a person, whose residence has since been in crowded cities, where the Sabbath has become, in a great measure, a day of physical and social relaxation, has longed for the delicious stillness, and devout musing on heavenly themes, which marked the Sabbaths of his childhood and youth.

Family worship was generally observed by the people of those early days. Even those who were not members of the church, and who had made no public profession of religion, were accustomed to meet around the family altar, and lift their hearts in supplication and thanksgiving. Their religion was one for the home as well as for the church, and all their labors were sanctified by

prayer. It was sincere and heartfelt, pervading their thoughts, and giving color to their lives. No painful doubts or caviling questions disturbed their faith. They believed the Bible and the creed of their church, and only sought to live so that they might hear at last the welcome benediction, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

The people of this town very early saw the necessity of providing schools for the young. Next to religion, they felt the worth of good learning. Training their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," they also trained them for lives of usefulness. If any people could be justified in neglecting to make provision for public schools, it would seem that such justification might have been theirs. They were few in numbers. They were subject to the deprivations incident to the subjugation of the hard and uneven land of the place they had chosen for their abode. The colonies were engaged in a bloody war with the mother country; and even this remote hamlet, so insignificant in population and so destitute of means, was called upon to bear its share of the burdens. But our fathers regarded it as no excuse for neglecting their duty to their children. Taxed to the utmost for the support of the war, they were ready to tax themselves more, if possible, for securing to their children the privileges of school education; for they knew that the future interests of their town would depend very much, under God, upon the intelligence of the people.

An article in the warrant for a special town-meeting, in 1774, was "to consult about having a school this winter." The record does not show what was done with the article. No other action seems to have been taken on the subject, for several years. No mention is made of a school-tax, or of school-moneys. But they were not without a school; for we find a special town-meeting called "at the school-house in said town," in November, 1778; and the meeting was held as warned. A school-house had been built, near the south-west corner of the Common, before that date. How it was built, what kind of a structure it was, and how the school was maintained, I do not know. The teachers may have been paid by private tuition-fees; or they may have received for their compensation a pittance of the money raised "to defray town charges."

By the terms of an addendum to the charter and the names of the grantees, one seventieth part of the township was reserved

“for the benefit of a school in said town forever.” In 1783, it was voted to sell the school lands, and place the proceeds in the treasury, the interest to be accounted for yearly, and appropriated to the support of schools. In 1790, the town was classed into nine school districts. The next year, it was voted that the districts build their own school-houses; and the town chose a “headsman” in each district, to receive the allotted money and see it properly laid out. District collectors were first chosen in 1794. A quarter of a century elapsed before the inhabitants, amid the poverty and embarrassment of the times, were able to secure the benefits of summer and winter schools, in all parts of the town; but these citations tell us with what persistent endeavors they sought to achieve this end. Though often disappointed, they never despaired. Many here to-day have reason to be grateful for the advantages provided in the summer and winter schools of the town, of a former period, for securing the elements of their education. Though the privileges were neither many nor great, yet they were richly prized, and diligently improved. In the homely structures with which the town was dotted, many acquired a degree of solid culture, often missed by the children of the present day, in more favored localities. But few of the blessings of my early life are remembered with more gratitude, than those I enjoyed in the old red school-house behind the pound, under the instruction of such teachers as Corinna Slader, Mrs. Newman, Lydia Hunton, Gen. William Carey, John Pearson, Jesse Mills and Milton Parker. They would not probably rank very high, when compared with teachers of the present day. They were the best the times afforded; and one pupil, at least, remembers them with gratitude, for the desire they awakened within him for a more extended course than the curriculum of the Acworth schools afforded.

Our fathers were patriotic. The records of their devotion to the liberties of their country are written in the story of what they sacrificed for them, in the midst of the poverty of the times. The troubles which preceded the War of Independence, had already far advanced when the hardy pioneers from Connecticut began to clear these hills. The English had obtained Canada by the Peace of Paris, in 1763, and the French and Indian war had ceased. The Stamp Act was passed, in 1765. “The Stamp Act Congress” met in New York the same year. The affray between the citizens of Boston and the British soldiers, occurred two years

after the settlement of the town. The tea was destroyed in Boston Harbor, in 1773. The next year the port of Boston was closed, and a Congress of the Colonies met in Philadelphia. The battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, which made accommodation with England hopeless, were fought in 1775.

It would seem that so small a community, hidden among these hills, would have been overlooked, and thus escaped the call for munitions and men. But they were too deeply interested in the issues, to pass unnoticed. Small as they were, they felt that they had a country to defend, and they would not shrink from bearing their part of the burdens of the conflict. They sought, rather than evaded, opportunities for participating in the strife which was to secure the independence of their native land.

At a special meeting at which the boundaries of the Common were designated, they voted it, among other uses, "for a training-field." A meeting appears to have been held, of which no record exists, when Capt. Henry Silsby and Lieut. Ephraim Keyes, had been chosen delegates "to consult with sundry other towns what method was best to be taken to secure our just rights and privileges." The consultation had taken place at the house of Capt. John Bellows, in Walpole, in 1774. Benjamin Giles, Esq., of Newport, who, three years before, had issued the warrant for the first town-meeting in Acworth, had presided at the meeting in Walpole. Arrangements had been made for another meeting at the same place, to be composed of delegates, legally chosen from every town in the county. To this second "congress," Acworth sent Capt. Henry Silsby and Samuel Harper, and the meeting advised the towns to be provided with arms and ammunition, for defence against any encroachments that might be made. I judge that the encroachments they feared were those of the King and Parliament for enforcing the unjust system of taxation, against which the colonists protested, and not, as it might at first seem, that an attack was anticipated upon any portion of the county. Cheshire county was a part of the country. A blow inflicted on any part of the land, would be felt as one aimed at the liberties of the people, in this remote region. In accordance with this advice, the town voted to provide every man with arms and ammunition, and to meet speedily for inspection. At the annual meeting, the following spring, it was voted to procure "a town stock of ammunition," and at an adjourned meeting, "to raise nine pounds, lawful money, to pay for that already bought, and to *purchase more*."

Measures were taken "to proportion the number of men who shall go on any sudden emergency to fight our enemies," and the faith of the town was pledged to pay those who should be ordered out.

On the 3d of July, 1776, in consequence of word received from Col. Bellows, a special meeting was warned to meet at eight o'clock the next morning, at which it was voted "to send to headquarters at Exeter, for half a barrel of powder, one hundred and fifty pounds of lead, and three hundred flints; and every one of the *reformatos* and soldiers shall have one pound of powder, three pounds of lead and six flints, and to pay for the same; the remainder to be turned into the town stock." Fourteen guns were also to be obtained, and Lieut. John Rogers was dispatched on the errand. Thus, on the very day, when Congress, assembled in Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, solemnly declared "that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states," the people of Acworth, assembled in town-meeting, were preparing, so far as their agency could effect it, to make that declaration good.

From this time, till peace was established, the records of every year evince their unflinching devotion to the cause of independence. They chose committees of safety. They kept a stock of the munitions of war on hand. They maintained their militia organization, and had their days of inspection and drill. They met the requisitions of the Colonial authorities, for men and supplies. Their most prominent citizens served various lengths of time as volunteers—men like Capt. Henry Silsby, Lieut. Ephraim Keyes, Dea. Thomas Putnam, John Duncan, and Dean Carlton. And when a system of government was to be formed for the State, they watched with jealous care the measures that were proposed, rejecting and approving plans that were submitted to their votes, like men who knew their rights, and dared defend them.

I have not the means of learning the number of men from this town, who served in the war. No entire list has fallen into my hands. But in the ancient records for 1777, I find the names of those for whom credit was claimed, to that date. Thirty-seven men had then been in the service, various lengths of time, from nine days to one year and eight months. The war had then but just begun; and the records show that provision was promptly made to fill the quotas as they were called for. The only clue I have found to the names of the ancient worthies, who, subsequent to that date, were ready to take their lives in their hands and lay

them down on the altar of national independence, is the list of those who received government pensions. But, as previous to 1836, only a few were the recipients of this token of a nation's gratitude, many had received their discharge from life's conflicts, and their names had been entered upon the roster of the eternal world. It may be that many of those heroes must remain unknown, till their self-sacrificing deeds shall be read in the light of the world to come. I regret that Acworth's Revolutionary roll of honor is so imperfect.

The town contributed its share of the burdens of the second war with Great Britain. But little is found upon the records, that relates to the struggle. At the annual meeting, March, 1815, it was voted to make up the pay of the soldiers, called out in the autumn of the year before, to fifteen dollars a month, and that of the commissioned officers in proportion. I am told that, when in 1814, a call was made for men to go to the defence of Portsmouth, the "East Company," under the command of one of Acworth's most respected citizens, Capt. Gawin Gilmore, volunteered in a body, and a draft was required to determine, not who should go, but who should stay at home! Two of those soldiers of the war of 1812, I am happy to see present to-day—our respected and honored fellow-townsmen, Capt. David Blanchard and Dea. Thomas Ball.

One soldier from Acworth distinguished himself in the war with Mexico; Capt. John M. Barnard, whose voice you will be glad to hear, in the speaking at the table, this afternoon.

The patriotism which thus animated the breasts of the fathers was not wanting in those of the sons, when in 1861, traitorous hands were laid upon the general government, by those who had long been its petted favorites. Many of your young men, sharing in the enthusiasm of "the great uprising," enlisted under the banners of their country, and freely gave themselves to the cause of loyalty and freedom. The calls of the government for men were cheerfully met. The quotas were filled; and the town in its corporate capacity, voted generous bounties to those who left their homes, and braved the dangers of that murderous conflict. Happily, we have the names of the soldiers from the town, who served in the war of the Rebellion. Written upon the tablets of your hearts, you can never forget them. Tears have not yet ceased to flow for those who fell in battle, and died from the exposures of life in the camp. But time with you is passing away. Another

generation will search as earnestly for the names of the patriots of 1863 and 1865, as we for those of 1776 and 1778. Let them not perish through your neglect. Trust them not to the uncertain rumors of tradition. Let not even the most carefully written records suffice, for the solicitude with which you seek to preserve them. But upon a shaft, hewn from a quarry of your native granite, engrave their names in characters that no lapse of centuries can efface. In years to come, around such a monument of the patriotism of their fathers, your children and your children's children will meet, rehearse the story of their deeds of valor, and swear, that the free institutions for which they braved the terrors of the battle-field, shall be forever preserved!

Our fathers were faithful in little things, as well as in greater ones. They watched the town expenditures with scrupulous fidelity, so that there could be no misappropriation of the public funds. The men who transacted the town's business, and handled the people's money, were too conscientious to think of growing rich at the public expense. Had they been ever so much disposed, they could not have done it, for the town's "Counter," elected annually for that purpose, rigidly scrutinized the receipts and expenditures of the town officers. It was the day of little things. Money was scarce and the people poor. The small taxes of the day bore harder upon the people, than the larger ones we are called to pay, even since the burdens of the late war fell upon us.

Looking over the lists for 1793, I find that only in the highway tax, which was to be paid in labor, was a sum equal to one pound assessed against any man. The highest town-tax, that year, was paid by Jabez Alexander. It was only eight shillings and three pence, while a majority paid less than one shilling. The whole town-tax was only eight pounds, six shillings and eight-pence. The minister-tax was sixty-five pounds, eight shillings, three and a half pence. County tax, fourteen pounds, six shillings and one penny. Meeting-house tax, twenty pounds, nine shillings and one penny. In all, about one hundred pounds, money tax, for the year, or not far from five hundred dollars in federal money. The sum is small, compared with the assessments of our day, but it was no trifling matter with the fathers. Considering the poverty of those times and the wealth of the present, together with the difference in standards of value then and now, it was a heavier burden than our recent troubles have imposed upon the present generation. When money is so scarce as to compel us to pay our



taxes in what we raise from the soil, we may, perhaps, be allowed to grumble for some other reason than for political effect. In 1791, it was voted that the ten pounds raised to pay town charges might be paid in rye at three shillings and sixpence, and in other grains or flax, at their current values. Rye and flax were legal tender here, seventy-five years ago.

Among the troubles of the times we recall, the people of Acworth and vicinity at one time did not know in what State they lived, or to what authorities they owed allegiance. New York laid claim to Vermont. The people living east of the Green Mountains were hostile to the claim; and at one time a project was on foot to organize a State, to be composed of towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, and to be called New Connecticut. The government of New Hampshire resisted the movement, and set up a claim of jurisdiction over all that part of eastern Vermont, embraced in what was originally called "the New Hampshire Grants;" while Massachusetts found a pretext for extending its authority in the same direction. A party arose who argued that though the towns included in the New Hampshire Grants lying east of the Connecticut River had formerly recognized the authority of New Hampshire, yet, since by the original grant the State was circumscribed by a line running sixty miles from the coast, and by casting off the British yoke the people were left "in a state of nature," therefore they had the right to form such political connections as a majority should elect. Hence, in 1778, sixteen of these towns sought to be represented in the Assembly of Vermont. In December of that year, a convention of delegates from several towns on both sides of the river met in Cornish, and made proposals for the settlement of the difficulties, either by an agreement with New Hampshire as to the dividing line, or by a submission of the dispute to Congress or some other mutually chosen umpire. Should neither of these proposals be accepted, if an agreement could be effected with New Hampshire respecting a form of government, they would consent that the whole of the territory of "the Grants," on both sides of the river, should come under its jurisdiction. If such agreement could not be made, they resolved "to trust in Providence and defend themselves."

These controversies, though now involved in somewhat of obscurity, at one time seriously threatened the public peace. A Vermont constable attempted to arrest a debtor on the east side

of the river. The owner of the house where the debtor was found, resisted. The householder, with one in his company, was imprisoned in the Charlestown jail. A New Hampshire sheriff, attempting to release them, was imprisoned by a Vermont sheriff. The militia of New Hampshire was called out to liberate *him*; and the governor of Vermont threatened to oppose force to force. The Vermont sheriff, with others, went as a committee from the governor of Vermont to the governor of New Hampshire, to agree on measures to prevent hostilities. He was arrested at Exeter, and thrown into jail, as a hostage for the New Hampshire sheriff. A proclamation from the governor called upon the revolted towns to return to their allegiance, within forty days. The militia was ordered to be in readiness to march against the revolters. Civil war was only avoided by a letter from Gen. Washington to Gov. Chittenden of Vermont, advising a relinquishment of the jurisdiction claimed east of the river, and intimating that a non-compliance would be construed into an act of hostility to the United States, and that *coercion* would become necessary. It was the first time the word was ever used in the history of the country. Washington believed in "coercion."

Acworth was one of the revolted towns. Henry Silsby and John Duncan were chosen delegates to a convention held in Charlestown, "to consult upon and unite in such measures as should be most conducive to effect a union of the territory" of the New Hampshire Grants. In March, 1781, the people voted to come under the jurisdiction of Vermont, and chose John Duncan representative to the Assembly. During the year, six special town-meetings were notified "in the name of the State of Vermont;" and Acworth was legally recognized as belonging to the County of Washington.

I have introduced this piece of history, to show the difficulties and perplexities of the times, and also the difference then and now, in the value of money and the services of public men. For fourteen days' attendance at the convention, John Duncan was voted "nine hundred and eighty dollars paper money, or the value thereof in silver money, the rate of exchange between the two currencies being seventy-two to one;" also four shillings and seven pence for expenses. His compensation for services, traveling fees and expenses amounted to a dollar a day, a sum which would now only suffice for the purchase of a dinner at a public house. The difference of the times is vividly seen in the differ-

ence between this and what a member of Congress, or of the Legislature, now receives, by way of salary, or *per diem*, mileage and incidentals. Small as it seems, doubtless, many of Mr. Duncan's fellow-townsmen would gladly have taken his place, considering him fortunate to get even that.

We go back to a period a century and a half earlier, and find a better illustration of the difference between the present and former times. In the introduction to that quaint book, recently re-published, entitled "*Wonder-working Providence of Zion's Saviour in New England*," we read that the town of Woburn voted to pay its representatives six pence a day besides their diet! This was the rich emolument of a representative to the General Court of Massachusetts, in the year of Grace, 1645! And the same history tells us, that, on account of the difficulty in obtaining silver to pay the representatives' board, corn was sometimes sent in its stead.

It is amusing to read the record of sums paid annually by the town for the care of the first meeting-house. Six shillings were voted the first year, for the service, to Daniel Grout, Jr. Afterwards it was put up at auction and bid off at sums varying from five shillings to two dollars and a quarter. Lazell Silsby did the work one year for five shillings. John Bailey bid it off once for one dollar and eighty-three cents. I believe he underlet it; but think of his riding two miles, "over the hills and through the woods," to open and shut the house and keep it fit for service, on Sundays and for week-day lectures, summer and winter, during the year!

It is with deep interest we recall the peculiarities of the men who acted their part in the early history of the town, as they float down to us on the records of memory and the breath of tradition. We try to catch their lineaments, and to see the expression of their faces. They were a plain people, simple in their manners, diligent in labor, and economical in their expenditures. The old farm-houses were not distinguished either for the grace of their proportions, or the beauty and costliness of their decorations. The furniture was neither abundant, nor remarkably ornamental. The daily fare was homely, but sufficient for the needs of a healthy generation. They were not given to compliments, and did not think much of useless ceremony. The neighbor who knocked at the door was told to "come in." If at meal-time, a seat was ready for him at the frugal board. He was bidden to help himself.

Often he found neither cloth nor plates, but must cut his mealy potatoes upon the clean white table. Like the others, he would dip his pieces in the gravy of a common dish, from which he would, with his fork, fish out the unctuous pork, that had been cut into mouthfuls of the proper size, by the careful mother of a numerous family. Brown bread and fresh butter followed the "meat victuals;" after which a good-sized "riz" doughnut preceded a generous piece of pie, well sweetened with molasses. A huge mug of cider was then passed round; and no company of grandees ever rose from a banquet, with more evident satisfaction than they indicated, by the smacking of their lips. They were excellent neighbors, and ever ready for neighborly deeds; and though tenacious of their rights, and a little apt to quarrel about any real or fancied infringement of them, they were ready, the next day, to make up their difficulties, over a steaming mug of toddy.

We touch here upon one of their greatest frailties. They were lovers of alcoholic liquors, and "mighty to drink strong drink." Ardent spirits were used on all occasions—in haying and reaping, chopping and burning, sheep-washing and sheep-shearing, and at births, marriages and burials. On public days, and at raisings, huskings and clearing-bees, they often drank deeply; and as a consequence, sometimes they were quite merry, and at others very quarrelsome. Many strange stories were told in my younger days, by the older men, of the doings at such times. The practical jokes they played upon one another, seem hardly possible to be credited now. Certainly they would not now be tolerated.

The inconsistency of those who like our fathers were addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, is shown by the action of a town-meeting, held December 23, 1784. Eighteen pounds were voted "to pay for rum procured at the framing and raising of the meeting-house;" and each person who had advanced money for that purpose, was ordered to be paid out of the sum raised. Because of their poverty, they had been twenty years without a place of worship. The materials were mostly contributed, in lieu of money so hard to be raised: but now that the timber was on the ground and the work begun, they could afford to purchase and drink one hundred dollars' worth of rum, in preparing and setting up the frame! We are sometimes told that, after all the temperance effort of forty years, no real progress has been made. This

simple fact, the evidence of which is on the town records, sufficiently refutes the assertion.

Let me here bear testimony to the credit due to the persistent energy of Rev. Phineas Cooke, who inaugurated and carried forward, in the face of ridicule and opposition, the temperance reform in this town. I remember well the excitement caused by the movement, the witticisms perpetrated at its expense, the wrath of those who thought their liberties infringed, and the difficulties in the church, which resulted in his dismissal, after a faithful ministry of fourteen years. Though he was driven from his cherished field of labor, yet the work he inaugurated went steadily on. Based upon correct principles, no form of opposition to it can permanently succeed. Many who joined in the clamor against him, were glad afterwards to acknowledge their error, and to join at last in doing honor to his memory. In years to come, his name will be spoken with reverence, both for the fragrance of his memory in the churches, and for the change he wrought in the habits of his people, and in removing their most besetting sin. Though dead, he yet speaks on this subject, as well as on others which pertain to his high calling. The words he uttered in reference to it, from this place, were winged with a power which no time can exhaust. And the discussions to which they gave rise, and to which the young listened on the Sunday noons, on the grass under the east windows of this church, have been as good seed sown in many hearts.

How well I remember those Sunday noons! There was scarcely a thought which had been uttered from this pulpit, that was not there discussed. How distinctly I see the forms of the earnest old men, the leading members of the parish—Col. Duncan, Dea. Finlay, Dea. Grout, Samuel Anderson, Lemuel Lincoln, and many others, their contemporaries in the history of the town! What hard shots they could give, and what sharp retorts they would pleasantly receive! Is it but a fond partiality for the recollections of childhood, that makes me think the men of that day a noble race? Their foibles and vices seem to me to be overshadowed by the finest qualities of mind and heart, that I have ever seen in quite an extensive acquaintance with many classes of people.

“Theirs was a noble spirit; rough,  
But generous, and brave and kind.”

While we honor their memories, let us prove ourselves worthy

of such an ancestry. Well for us, if we inherit their inflexible adherence to their honest convictions, their untiring industry and patient endurance, their cheerfulness and good humor under difficulties and trials; well, if we serve our God as faithfully as they sought to do.

The history of a town like this furnishes but few incidents of general interest. It was not settled, when Capt. John Stevens so gallantly defended Fort No. 4, from the hostile visit of the French and Indians, under M. Debaline, in 1747. Had it been, it might yet have escaped the notice of the enemy; for the absence of nearly all the nut-bearing trees, indicates that it did not lie in the war-paths of the Indians, who usually followed the courses of the larger rivers. It has, therefore, for recital, no startling details of Indian treachery and cruelty; though, once in a while, as the tradition runs, a solitary Indian strayed through the settlement.

No terrible tragedy ever occurred within its borders; and its annals are unstained with the records of any appalling crime. Few towns have had so peaceful an existence, with a quiet so uniformly unruffled.

Our Connecticut ancestors were devout believers in ghosts. A few of those harmless visitors were reported to have made nocturnal incursions into the houses of the earlier inhabitants; and a number of witch-stories used to be told, to the amazement and terror of the children of fifty years ago. But looking back to those periods in the light of the present day, I think we shall all agree that the worst spirits with which the people ever had to deal came from the distilleries, and the most fearful ghosts that ever danced over these hills were conjured up by fancies, disturbed by an enemy the people had put to their own mouths. Witches there certainly were here in my younger days, and I must own to being often disturbed by their magic wiles; and judging from what may be seen to-day, at this great gathering of the fairer portion of the present and former inhabitants of the town, they have not yet lost their power of enchantment.

Turning from the past, one look at the present and the future. From its physical peculiarities, Acworth can never be otherwise than mainly an agricultural town. Its water-power is insufficient for extensive mechanical or manufacturing purposes. In the future, as in the past, its population must be somewhat limited. But its resources have never yet been fully developed. These hills may be made more productive than they have ever yet been. By bet-

ter culture, your crops may be doubled and quadrupled. By judicious underdraining and a liberal use of the rich muck of your swamps, by skillful composting and more attention to the adaptation of the soil to particular crops, with a market so near as Claremont, and a railroad for transportation to Boston within eight miles of your village, your farms may be made as profitable as any in the country. By encouraging the introduction of such manufactures as may be profitably pursued, employment may be given to your young men and young women. Far better for them and for the place, if they are kept at home by such inducements, than if compelled to leave for a livelihood elsewhere. There is no reason why your farms may not be made more productive by the methods indicated, and your home-market of twice its present capacity in its demand for your products. With the present improved implements for ditching and underdraining; for planting, reaping and gathering; for mowing, raking and pitching; the labor required to accomplish this will be much less than that expended by your fathers in subduing these lands. The same advance in your methods of tilling the soil as that in the manufacture of your maple sugar, will make the other branches of your rural industry as profitable in proportion.

Try it, fellow-townsmen. Instead of complaining of the meagre returns for your toil, and looking with longing eyes to other sections of the country for your future homes, by intelligent and skillful industry make your present homes such as shall afford you all the comforts needed to satisfy a reasonable refinement of taste. Encourage your boys to stay at home, by making their homes pleasant and attractive. Educate them for a life of industry amid this beautiful scenery; for intelligent farmers. Dignify your calling; and do not, by constantly complaining of the hard lot of the farmer, seek to make them dissatisfied with agricultural pursuits. I have been about the world somewhat, during these thirty years' absence from Acworth, and in positions to witness the opportunities afforded by the different trades, professions and callings, for real enjoyment; and the longer I live and the more I see, the more I am persuaded that, all things considered, no mode of life furnishes so great facilities for solid comfort and true happiness as a life upon a farm. I have never seen the place where one can get a living without work, industry and persistent endeavor. I have asked a good many people more or less given to complaining, to tell me if they knew of such a place; but I have never heard of

it, this side of our final home. Nor have I seen any place, or any position in life, in which temperance, frugality, industry and perseverance ever fail to secure competence and comfort. They have done it for the people of this town in the past; and they will do it in the years to come. God never intended that the labors of the fathers in subduing these hills, should be lost, or that the farms, on which so many of us were reared, be permitted to become wastes. And I am persuaded that those who occupy them, and skillfully manage them, will be surer of prosperity, than if they leave them, to become adventurers in even more fertile parts of the country and the world.

While careful of these material interests, imitate the zeal of the fathers, in your care for good schools. Remember that there is the same room for improvement in them, as in all other things pertaining to human well-being. A school like that taught by Gen. Carey fifty years ago, though then thought to be nearly perfect, will not answer present demands. Employ the best teachers, and avail yourselves of all the improvements that have been made in common school instruction, for the benefit of the children. Be liberal in all the expenditures that shall tend to the advancement of the moral and religious interests of this community. Keep the sacred fires of religion brightly burning in your homes and in your hearts; and then, he who so abundantly blessed the fathers will as abundantly bless the children.

Friends and fellow-citizens: the events of this day will soon be over. From its festivities we shall soon return to our homes, so widely scattered and so far apart. Never again shall we all meet on the shores of time. Many of us have passed the meridian of life; and the thin and scattering locks, silvered with the frosts of many autumns, admonish us that our day is advancing to its close. Our eyes begin to grow dim, and our steps have lost somewhat of their wonted elasticity. Something of sadness mingles with our rejoicings. These friendly greetings, with many, will be the last. Those of us who, because of filial obligation, have best kept up our acquaintance in our native place, will not long have these ties to draw our steps thitherward. Our visits will gradually, for a time, be less frequent; and then, from advancing age and perhaps the palsying hand of disease, will cease forever. We cannot think, without a tear, of bidding a last adieu to these places, made so dear by the associations of our childhood.

But, while we shake the hands of our friends as we separate,



smiles shall mingle with our tears. Though we know we may perhaps meet never again on life's shores, we are assured that we may all meet once more,

“Where forms unseen by mortal eye,  
Too glorious for our sight to bear,  
Are walking with their God on high,  
And waiting our arrival there.”

# P o e m .

---

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

---

IF a man unskilled in the warrior's art—  
Yet, daring to act the general's part—  
Should lead men forth to deadliest battle,  
Midst clash of arms and the cannon's rattle ;  
If one most sadly *non compos mentis*,  
Not knowing of law what the intent is,  
And, in government, not understanding  
The art of ruling or of controlling,  
Should be placed, somehow, in the chair of state,  
To execute laws for the small and great ;  
Should one essay, on a great occasion,  
To please the crowd with a fine oration,  
Who had failed to learn, while he was young  
The mere a b abs of his mother tongue ;  
Ye would think each one in pitiful ease  
In so far outstepping his proper place.  
So know ye well how to commiserate  
One like myself whom unpitying fate  
Hath failed to bless with poetical pate ;  
To whom it doth fall, with toil and with pains,  
To tune his voice to poetical strains.  
Ah ! how did I tremble, and fear, and shrink,  
To dip my poor pen in the poet's ink,  
As I heard Dame Fortune whisper, and say,  
“ It is thine, Good Sir, on a coming day—  
Thine, I assure thee, to bear a new part,  
And try well thy skill in the poet's art ;  
Aye, when shall have come, on a joyful day,  
Men, women, and children, from every way,  
When, at a set time, the native townsfolk,  
When, at a set time, beloved kinsfolk,



Yours very truly  
Milton Davidson



Are truly well met from far and from near,  
 To celebrate the centennial year  
 Of a township's birth whose pure and good name  
 Shows scarcely a blot to tarnish her fame ;  
 When hands shall be given in warmest greeting,  
 The hearts of all in unison beating,  
 At this great, this happy, family, meeting ;  
*Then*, know it is thine, to bear a new part,  
 And try well thy skill in the poet's art."  
 Ah ! how did I fear, and tremblingly ask,  
 " Why ? why I essay this difficult task  
 To make vain show of poetical lore ?  
 Since, as oft as I would in days before,  
 For a time quit Earth and her homely charms,  
 To be borne aloft in fair Muse's arms,  
 The ungen'rous Muse declining her aid  
 Hath frowned on me, with a shake of the head,  
 And from out her dark and her winsome eyes  
 Hath cast on me looks of greatest surprise,  
 Unconcealed, unmistakable, wonder,  
 That I should make this singular blunder  
 Of apeing the poet—stealing his thunder."  
 But cometh the query, by day and by night,  
 " How is it ? why is it that my poor mite  
 Can swell the joys of the great occasion ?  
 The joys of the festal celebration ;  
 For the Muse, to my prayers, hath ne'er gi'en heed,  
 Nor will sho, this hour of my sorest need.  
 But ah ! I have it—the way—it is clear—  
 Despair, I will not, no more will I fear,  
 In slow moving prose, I will show my skill,  
 In dull, slow moving prose, my part fulfill.  
 And, yet, in order to make it appear  
 To the unskilled, the uncritical ear,  
 That, to the poet's tune, I'm keeping time,  
 I'll clothe it all in the garb of rhyme.  
 So, clothing my prose in a stolen dress,  
 My thoughts, in rhythmic lines, I'll dare express."  
 But, perplexities began to double,  
 There came a new and a sorer trouble  
 Of which matter troublous, I ne'er did dream,  
 To make choice, it was, of the fittest theme.  
 So, ran my thoughts about to hasten o'er  
 The numerous themes in Memory's store ;

But, ah ! midst all the stuff and rubbish, there,  
 I could not find, with hours of search and care,  
 The object of my ardent wish and prayer.  
 Then walked I forth and took the open fields,  
 To seek the aid which Nature sometimes yields,  
 And as on I walked, I scarce knew whither,  
 Hither sometimes tending, sometimes thither,  
 I, yet, was troubled sore, perplexed, confused,  
 I thought, and I pondered deep, studied, mused,  
 So, pond'ring, wand'ring, wand'ring, pondering,  
 Most slowly, idly, idly, wandering,  
 Wandering slowly to a by retreat,  
 I sat me down on a mossy seat,  
 And 'neath the shade of a shadowy tree,  
 Fell to dreaming—dreaming as thou shalt see.

There stood before me, twelve winged steeds !  
 Just before me, twelve fiery steeds !  
 Twelve, fiery, foaming, prancing steeds !  
 These steeds were joined to a golden car !  
 A beautiful, gilded, golden, car !  
 Magnificent, shining, golden, car !  
 And, in the car, was an unknown form !  
 Just in the car, a singular form !  
 A singular, fearful, giant, form !  
 The form was like the species human !  
 Twas, yet, unlike the species human !  
 Yet, unlike either man or woman !  
 On a giant frame, did tower so high,  
 So huge a *caput*, far towards the sky !  
 So large the shoulders ! and the arms so strong !  
 Hands, so thick and wide, and fingers so long !  
 The feet, withal, of such wonderful size !  
 I scarce could credit my astonished eyes !  
 Such a noble form ! intelligent face !  
 And, when he bowed, such dignified grace !  
 Such a knowing look ! such a piercing eye !  
 Forehead, so massive ! so broad and so high !  
 And, further, methought, such a dark stern brow !  
 The boldest before it must quail and bow !  
 Such signs of great might, in body and soul !  
 Signs of great wisdom, to direct, control !  
 Amazed, I exclaimed “ Such wondrous nature  
 Doth never appear in human creature !

“*Tis Divine! the form is Divine!*” I said,  
 And turned to flee being sorely afraid.  
 “Haste—haste not,” he cried, “but dispel thy fears,  
 The name that I bear is *One Hundred Years*,  
 Aye, *One Hundred Years* is my rightful name,  
 And mine, for my deeds, is infinite fame;  
 I was born, rightly recalling the date,  
*Year seventeen hundred and sixty-eight*;  
 The Universe broad is my native place,  
 The Universe broad, my abiding place;  
 Though it is passing strange, I testify  
 I had no infancy, no childhood, I,  
 For, as broke from the shades of blackest night,  
 The dawn of being on my wondering sight,  
 The King Eternal of—this I am sure—  
 Gave me all the powers of years mature,  
 And, strange to recount, from that very day,  
 On me conferred, unlimited sway,  
 Full, unlimited sway for five-score years,  
 O’er millions on millions of whirling spheres;  
 And, o’er all events, great, wonderful, small;  
 O’er the deeds of men, o’er their actions all;  
 Gave me coursers twelve and my royal car,  
 To speed me to realms both near and afar.  
 In faith, I have ruled, as ’twas given me,  
 O’er countless globes, and on land and on sea;  
 But, the days of my years are almost gone,  
 And my kingly work is now almost done,  
 The sceptre of which I’m now possessor,  
 I must soon give o’er to my successor,  
 As took it, once, from my predecessor.

But, sure, I see,  
 Observing thee,  
 Thy looks do show  
 That thou wouldst know  
 What great events,  
 Results immense,  
 What deeds so small,  
 As some would call  
 No deeds, at all,  
 I’ve caused to be,  
 By my decree,

Or brought about,  
Year in, year out,  
And, easily,  
In century.  
In many years,  
(Thus are my fears)  
I could not tell,  
Both right and well,  
One millionth part,  
Or billionth part,  
Of my good deeds,  
Of my misdeeds,  
But, give thine ear,  
And thou shalt hear,  
Of deeds, a score,  
Or less or more,  
Which I have done,  
And glory won.  
I'll pass it by,  
How truly I  
Have caused the sun,  
His course to run,  
And ne'er to stray  
From destined way ;  
And, how I've kept,  
While men have slept,  
In its own place  
In boundless space,  
Each orb so bright,  
That shines by night  
With lovely light ;  
And how I've whirled  
Each wand'ring world—  
Whirled each planet  
Through its orbit,  
Guiding, rightly,  
Daily, nightly,  
Orb terrestrial,  
Orbs celestial ;  
With no clashing,  
All swift dashing,  
Onward rushing,  
Their course to run  
Around the sun !



Perfect order !  
No disorder !  
I'll pass it by,  
Not mention, I,  
How, in my reign,  
Years ten times ten,  
Good Mother Earth  
Hath given birth ;  
By my decree,  
To fully three  
Generations  
Of all nations,  
Tribes and races,  
Clans and classes ;  
How, by my leave,  
For sin of Eve,  
Grim Giant Death,  
E'er stalking forth,  
Hath frequent made  
His visits sad,  
To sturdy men,  
Tender women,  
Little children,  
And, borne away,  
By night, by day,  
Exultingly,  
Now fully three  
Generations  
Of all nations,  
Tribes and races,  
Clans and classes ;  
How, 'tis reckoned,  
In each second,  
At dark midnight,  
In broad daylight,  
At eve or morn,  
There hath been born,  
A living soul,  
For strife and toil ;  
How, 'tis reckoned,  
In each second,  
At dark midnight,  
In broad daylight,  
At eve or morn,

A soul hath gone  
To that dread bourne  
Whence none return.  
I'll pass it o'er,  
How all things, sure,  
Have been fulfilled,  
That I had willed  
Should come to be,  
On land and sea,  
On this planet,  
(Earth men call it)  
Except, if thou  
Dost wish me now,  
I'll brief review  
Acts just a few,  
Deeds done by me,  
On land, to thee  
Ever dearest,  
Loveliest, fairest,  
That land, on Earth,  
Which gave thee birth—  
Called here and there,  
Called everywhere  
In Eastern World,  
“The Western World.”  
Twould weary thee  
To follow me  
To far off spheres,  
Sun, moon, and stars;  
Twould weary thee  
To follow me  
To every land,  
To every strand,  
On this great orb,  
This mighty globe;  
I'll only tell—  
So listen well—  
What I did say  
To self, that day,  
On that day, when  
Began my reign  
O'er worlds and men  
What said I'd do,  
So long ago,

Do for the rise,  
 And enterprise,  
 Wealth, power, and fame,  
 And glorious name,  
 And honor, true,  
 Of nation, new,  
 A people free,  
 Whose name should be  
 (Thus were the fates)  
 United States ;  
 What customs, new,  
 Great changes, too,  
 Should come to be,  
 Through my decree,  
 On every hand,  
 In this fair land ;  
 What I did say  
 As, on that day,  
 Year one thousand  
 Seventeen hundred  
 And sixty-eight,  
 (Mark well the date)  
 When (swift riding,  
 My steeds guiding)  
 I saw clearly  
 (Halting midway  
 O'er the Atlantic)  
 England, frantic,  
 Cursing, telling,  
 How those dwelling  
 On Western soil  
 Had ceased to toil,  
 Would toil no more  
 To swell her store ;  
 Then, thoughts like these,  
 Myself did please,  
 Silent expressed  
 To self addressed :—

‘*Old John Bull* now looks over the water,  
 With fiercest eye, on his wayward daughter,  
 And he swears big oaths, before gods and men,  
 That ere a twelvemonth shall come round again

His offspring so stubborn, his child so wild,  
Must quit her proud pranks, turn peaceful and mild ;  
But she, rebellious, would break from his rule  
Preferring to learn at a diff'rent school."  
" Now," thought I, looking out on this scene  
" I'll deepen this grievous trouble, I ween,  
I'll keep it in the heart of fierce J. Bull,  
To hold his child under rigorous rule ;  
In the heart of the spirited daughter,  
To heed no edicts from 'cross the water,  
As the noblest plans, I now have in view,  
Touching this child o'er whom Johnny's so blue ;  
Though now she's young and seemingly feeble,  
She'll yet give birth to a mighty people,  
The fetters which now so closely bind her,  
And are daily, hourly, her reminder  
Of her abuses, her oppression, sore,  
Shall be broken, and that forevermore,  
And, oh ! the glad day come when she shall be,  
Of the nations chief, great, happy and free.  
But in a conflict sad, 'tis hers to bleed  
E'er the stars and stripes shall be safe, indeed ;  
For I wish to show to cruel J. Bull,  
That he cannot have unlimited rule,  
And, too, I'd prove to the child abused,  
That she hath strength if she'll only use it ;  
Red-coats, I'll send to the Western shore,  
There'll be clash of arms, and the cannon's roar,  
Seven long dread years, I'll lead on the fight,  
Then say to her who has fought for the right :—  
" Lay aside thine arms ! fair child, thou art free !  
Shout loud the psalm of glad victory !  
Up with the banner ! fling it to the breeze !  
Freedom I've brought thee ! sound it o'er the seas !  
And Freedom, I pledge thee, whilst I am king !  
Victory's song, thou shalt joyfully sing !  
Both near and afar, let the welkin ring !  
Thou shalt so bask in Prosperity's light,  
'Neath skies that are commonly clear and bright,  
That thine shall be a sublimer career,  
Than was e'er foretold by prophet or seer !  
Albeit, albeit, an adverse breeze  
May oft disturb thy political seas,

And thy proud thy glorious ship of state,  
 Threaten to founder on the shoals of fate ;  
 Albeit *intriguing politician*,  
 Willing slave to unhallowed ambition,  
 May pilot thy ship self only to please,  
 Drifting anon into dangerous seas ;  
 Albeit, the *weapons of party strife*,  
 May oft and sadly imperil thy life,  
 When contending parties for zeal or hate,  
 Do strive to seize upon thy ship of state,  
 Each swearing itself at the helm must stand,  
 And her course direct with skillfulest hand ;  
 Albeit, the *Chivs*, hot-bloods of the *South*,  
 And the *Yankees*, dull slow-heads of the *North*,  
 Thinking each other to sorely harass,  
 Though, in houses dwelling, of brittle glass,  
 May each upon the other hurl huge stones,  
 Dismayed not by bruises and shattered bones,  
 And may hurl such missiles and curse and rail,  
 Till plain it is they must signally fail  
 Thus, thus to end their wordy contention,  
 Then with impious zeal, deadly intention,  
 (Most sadly, strangely, mistaking each other)  
 On battle-field meet, brother 'gainst brother,  
 Son against father and father 'gainst son,  
 The cruellest warfare that e'er was known !  
 Albeit, *dark* clouds envelop the skies,  
 As the *Black Man* freed, grown suddenly wise,  
 Shall with the White, take stand at the rudder,  
 To guide the dear ship with his white face "brudder,"  
 Highly elate as he goes to the polls,  
 That the White, the Black no longer controls ;  
 Albeit, thy ship as saileth along  
 Shall be tossed thus roughly, piloted wrong  
 She, yet preserved, shall her voyage pursue,  
 Not once, in my day, capsizing her crew,  
 And, thou, fair child, to thy joy and desire  
 Bright laurels shalt wear, in spite of 'thy Sire."

'This nation,' I said, first day of my reign,  
 'Outgrowth shall be, of all races of men,  
 All tribes and all classes that e'er were known,  
 The red-faced native, and the foreign born,

English so proud, and the witty Irish,  
 French so polite, and the crafty Spanish,  
 Norwegians tough, and the honest Scotch,  
 And the lucre-loving, beer-drinking Dutch,  
 Italians refined, and hardy Russians,  
 The Turks, the Swedes, and spirited Prussians,  
 Good Belgians, too, and the pious Swiss,  
 Those in Austria born, and those in Greece,  
 Wandering Arabs, and the queud Chinese,  
 Siberians, and the low Siamese,  
 And Africans, ah ! a singular race,  
 With pearly-white teeth and coal black face.  
     And tribes and races many more,  
     Shall, sure, send out from native shore,  
     Across the rough and billowy sea,  
     To this fair land so good and free,  
     Brave men and women, children, too,  
     With just this purpose, just this view,  
     That there in peace and harmony,  
     They may enjoy dear liberty,  
     And for the toils, they may endure,  
     E'er reap rewards both large and sure."

"*Progress*," "*Enterprise*," "*Free Competition*,"  
 The boast shall be, of the Western nation;  
 The *Yankees*, men of mighty intentions,  
 Inventing e'er the newest inventions,  
 Loving their god, the almighty dollar,  
 Shall ne'er consent to willingly follow  
 In the beaten track of their buried sires,  
 Filled with the hopes their god inspires.

Where, *now*, the farmer with blistering hand,  
 Swings, slowly, his scythe o'er the mowing land,  
*Then*, ere cometh the end of my kingly power,  
 With a happier song than e'er before,  
 With horses fine and a patent mower,  
 His waving fields, he shall hasten over,  
 His timothy fields, and fields of clover.

Where, *now*, with sickle dull curved and small,  
 He bends to the grain, be it short or tall,

*Then*, with spirited steeds both large and strong,  
And noisy reaper, shall he haste along,  
Both reaping and threshing the ripened grain,  
Luxuriant growth on the harvest plain.

Where, *now*, with slow needle and knotting thread,  
With finger so weary, and aching head,  
The sad, care-worn, seamstress, from day to day,  
Gets scantiest food from scantiest pay,  
*Then*, with cheerfullest look that e'er was seen,  
She'll sit at some clatt'ring sewing machine,  
Turning off the stitches, from hour to hour,  
In each brief minute, a thousand or more.

*Now*, 'neath many a roof in this fair land,  
The ruddy maiden, at the *wheel* doth stand,  
From earliest dawn till the setting sun,  
But as falleth the day, and night comes on,  
Few, ah! few are the knots which she hath spun,  
O'er and o'er she counteth them one by one;  
At the *loom*, oft sitteth the whole day long,  
Humming her happiest merriest song,  
Throwing her shuttle with swiftest motion,  
Wed to her toils with purest devotion,  
But as sinks the sun in the distant West,  
With a few scant yards she goes to her rest,  
Ere a centum of years shall roll around,  
In busy city, shall be heard the sound,  
Of thousands of looms and of spinning-jacks,  
With their buzz and their hum and clicks and clacks,  
Fed by the wonderful power of steam,  
Or by power of water from falling stream,  
And running and working at swiftest speed,  
First drawing the yarn and twisting the thread,  
Turning fast to cloth, some strong, some rotten,  
Large sacks of wool and large bales of cotton;  
Then, farewell wheel in the kitchen corner!  
And, farewell loom in garret or chamber!

*Now*, the nice young man and his laughing bride,  
To church, on Sundays, in company ride,  
On some dull nag, and one ever finds them,  
He foremost riding, and she behind him;  
But cometh a change at a future day,  
For the wedded pair, be they young and gay,

Or in the prime of life, or old and gray,  
Sitting side by side in a coach or shay,  
Drawn by mettlesome steeds—sorrel or bay—  
As proud as nabobs shall hasten away,  
To hear the pious parson preach and pray.

Who hath it in mind, a journey to go,  
In the present age, so sluggish and slow,  
Of no way knoweth, but to mount his horse,  
Or be his own nag, which is yet much worse,  
And a hundred miles to the west or east,  
Is a long—long way for himself or beast.  
*Then*, the steam-horse whose food shall be fire,  
Whose bones, whose sinews, shall fail not nor tire,  
Puffing and blowing and belching out smoke,  
Most easily curbed though ne'er once broke—  
Shall, on track well laid for his rolling feet,  
Run long swift races, with none to compete,  
Dashing on and yet on with lightning speed,  
E'en ten times fleetier than the fleetest steed,  
Rushing through forests, over high bridges,  
Past mountain tops and stupendous ridges,  
Halting, now here, now there, in many a town,  
In many a city of high renown.  
Thus halting and going both night and day,  
Never in want of spur, barley, or hay,  
He shall dart through valley, over the plain,  
To all parts of the land, thence, back again,  
Followed behind by a numerous train,  
Of four-wheeled houses, for the comfort made,  
Of travelers of aught calling or trade,  
Merchant or priest, farmer or attorney  
Aye, for all who feel that as they journey,  
As they, rich and poor do ride together,  
They would sheltered be from doubtful weather;  
Or, would sit on seat, soft, cushioned, easy,  
As in a parlor fine, cheerful, cosy,  
Each to muse with self or read the paper,  
Talk politics with his nearest neighbor,  
Or discourse freely on the latest news,  
Or all care dispelling, enjoy a snooze—  
The old iron-horse yet onward going,  
Rushing and rumbling, puffing and blowing.



A Philosopher, learned, wise and witty,  
 A dweller in Philadelphia city,  
 Shall awake, by novel experiment,  
 E'en in the learned world, astonishment.  
 Franklin, this sage so wise of wide renown  
 Shall call the ethereal lightning down,  
 By the means of kite, and a length of twine,  
 Supposing the fluid will take the line,  
 And in form of spark, a theory prove,  
 Prove, by its descent, from the clouds above.  
 Tis the nature of sparks, to upward go,  
 (This, ladies deny, professing to know,)  
 But, of the Franklinic spark, not so,  
 For as thinketh he, shall the spark be drawn,  
 But to send him stagg'ring suddenly down.  
 From this simple event, I now divine,  
 Shall come many a telegraphic line,  
 And, a cable, too, all under the sea,  
 (The wonder of wonders it well shall be)  
 Shall from the Eastern stretch to Western shore,  
 Uniting distant lands forevermore.

Now, no mortal could possibly mention  
 How invention shall follow invention,  
 And how follow improvements, score on score,  
 Hundreds and thousands on thousands, before  
 I cease to be ; and ere endeth my power.

Industrious, *now*, must the *damsel* be,  
 Earning her flannel, bread, butter, and tea,  
 To escape the jaws of dread poverty ;  
 Nay, more, indeed, is expected to know,  
 By the happy young man whom she calls beau,  
 How to act the part of genuine cook,  
 Without e'en the aid of a printed book,  
 Make excellent bread, and excellent cheese,  
 Pies, and the dainties nice, that him would please ;  
 How to darn his stockings, handle the broom,  
 And the treadles work of the squeaking loom ;  
 How to knit, to spin, with needle to sew,  
 Ere he, in bashful whisper, soft and low,  
 Will pop the question and ask her to go  
 From the roof paternal and come 'neath his,  
 To try the sweets of matrimonial bliss ;

*Then*, wants grim visage so fear inspiring,  
 Shall not drive her, oft, to toil so tiring,  
 For the ample purse of a doting sire,  
 Shall freely ope to her every desire ;  
 Then, too, he who with the nuptial halter,  
 Would bind her to self at Hymen's altar,  
 Shall seem to think it a non-essential,  
 That she present a single credential,  
 That she hath the knowledge, the tact, the skill,  
 The duties in kitchen, to well fulfill.

*Now*, those able to write, cipher, and spell,  
 And read their Bibles tolerably well,  
 Think they're prepared for the battles of life,  
 Fully fitted all for each toil and strife ;  
 The *school-house*, too, where the children gather,  
 Whether in fair or in stormy weather,  
 Sent thither, each, by mother or father,  
 The wits of teacher to tease and to bother,  
 Ought rather be called an apology  
 For a school-house, wherein, "*logology*"  
 Might well be taught, for many a day,  
 In view of the clumsy ludicrous way,  
 The logs of the house are joined together,  
 That teacher and pupils all may ever,  
 As they, for their toils, do daily gather,  
 Be screened from the snow, and the pelting rain,  
 And from the searching blasts that sweep the plain.  
 Now, ere endeth my reign this day begun,  
 And ere all my appointed work be done,  
 This Power in the West, new-born nation,  
 Shall, best champion, be, of Education ;  
 Fine temples of learning, on every hand,  
 Shall quickly appear, thick studding the land,  
 Where blessed Freedom's sons and Freedom's daughters,  
 Shall at Learning's fount, drink purest waters ;  
 Then, the boy from learning his A, B, C,  
 May a higher take, then, higher degree ;  
 Who would highest climb the tree of knowledge,  
 May his last degree receive at college.  
 It needs be not, as in the present age,  
 That all in the vigor of youth engage,  
 In manual pursuits, to leave the mind,  
 Forever and ever undisciplined,

No need, that all young men at earliest dawn,  
 Go forth to swing the axe, or hoe the corn ;  
 No. For inventive skill shall lessen toil,  
 Run many a mill and help till the soil.  
 And, thus, many a lad who hath the will,  
 May leave the work of farm or noisy mill,  
 And revel as he likes then evermore  
 In philosophic or in classic lore.

*Then, proud Fashion's* behests shall not permit,  
 Ladies refined, to card, spin and knit,  
 So in lieu of loom, in lieu of the wheel,  
 In lieu of the hatchel, and snapping reel,  
 In lieu of combs for the flax and the wool—  
 But the list—I'll pass—so long and so full ;  
 In the place, in short, of *such implements*  
 Shall come the aids for the *accomplishments*,  
 Such as beautiful sounding instruments,  
 The piano forte, and melodeon,  
 The stringed guitar, and accordeon,  
 And very like it, the consultina,  
 The harmonicum, and seraphina,  
 The deep-toned organ on Sundays played,  
 The organ by Mason and Hamlin made ;  
 Lessons in painting in colors charming,  
 Lessons in drawing for parlors adorning,  
 And lessons in French, most musical tongue,  
 Dancing lessons for the gay and the young ;  
 Long lessons in the rules of etiquette,  
 For those who would properly stand or sit,  
 Or genteelly bow ; with fluency talk ;  
 Or by rule shake hands ; most gracefully walk.

Now there shall be a mighty change,  
 In an important matter,  
 And some shall think it for the worse,  
 Yet, others for the better ;  
 This mighty change, so important,  
 To the female sex pertains,  
 To the just and true relation,  
 Which she to the male sustains ;  
 To her appropriate duties,  
 On this terrestrial ball,

To the sphere, she's called to fill,  
 By her Maker, Lord of all.  
 She doth not, now, in least, lament—  
 Lament her sad condition,  
 And to change her lowly lot,  
 Shows not the disposition ;  
 Doth not, methinks, for once suppose,  
 That she is a slave to man,  
 And that, to break her heavy chains,  
 She must e'er do all she can.  
 Ah ! no. She's perfectly content,  
 Oft to be in the kitchen,  
 Tend crying babies, bake, and sew,  
 Do every kind of "stitchin ;"  
 But, bye and bye, the scene shall change,  
 And her work become a task,  
 Her conversation take a turn,  
 And how ? how turn ? some might ask.  
 Oft *Politics* shall be her theme,  
 And with a *manly* spirit,  
 Her rights ; she'll say, she does not have,  
 No more, will she endure it,  
 She's smart, she'll think, and ought to vote,  
 And in fact, to legislate,  
 Hold office, too, like *other men*,  
 Aye, sit in the Chair of State.  
 "*Woman's Rights* ;" she'll stoutly urge, for  
 "*No man* is her *superior* ;"  
 Indeed, if *any* difference is,  
 He's "*rather* her *inferior* ;"  
 Some noted men shall plead her cause,  
 A *Tilton* or a *Beecher*,  
 The one a racy editor,  
 Th' other a famous preacher.  
 Now should it come to pass, that,  
 With man she wears the breeches,  
 She will, methinks, till half the farms,  
 And dig one half the ditches ;  
 One half the forests, she'll cut down,  
 Hew half the solid timber,  
 Lay half the pavements in the streets—  
 All this—for what's to hinder ?  
 And half the dirt, will throw with spade,  
 In cutting new railways through,

Lay half the ties, and half the rails,  
 Run half of the engines, too,  
 Drive half the hacks and city cars,  
 Carry half the country's mails,  
*Man* half the ships that cross the seas,  
 Make half of the spars and sails,  
 Indeed, fight half the wars, for, though,  
 She's now the weaker vessel,  
 She'll, sure, gain strength, her half to do,  
 In storming fort or castle ;  
 And, too, if she would married be,  
 Must do onè-half the wooing,  
 While man must change his part, somewhat,  
 And do one-half the cooing.  
 The sexes, sure, will be agreed,  
 To do half and half the work,  
 Whate'er the half which falls to each,  
*That*, neither may think to shirk.

And yet another *change*,  
 One singular and strange,  
 Shall be in a coming age,  
 Ere passeth century,  
 Proud *Young America*,  
 Shall be actor on the stage.  
 One would think it, never,  
 How this lad shall differ,  
 From those of the present day,  
 " His like hath ne'er been seen,  
 In gesture, walk, or mien,  
 In behavior," all shall say.  
*Now*, every little lad,  
 Is by his parents made,  
 Most courteous and polite,  
 He's taught, as all agree,  
 Obedient to be,  
 Whether in or out of sight.  
 And doth he ever meet,  
 A person on the street,  
 His head, he must uncover,  
 And make as low a bow,  
 As ever knoweth how,  
 To maiden fondest lover.

Not oft doth make complaint,  
 Though under such restraint,  
     And, thus, so cruelly used—  
 'Tis very, very sad,  
 The dull unthinking lad,  
     Knoweth not that he's abused.

But Young America,  
 Shall not so stupid be,  
     In all of these little things,  
 He "never will be tied,"  
 For, thus shall speak his pride,  
     "To his mother's apron-strings;"  
 Shall know a thing or two,  
 And be, in parents' view,  
     Smarter than all creation,  
 Who'll fondly hope that he  
 Will one day, surely, be  
     President of the nation.

An infant as to age,  
 He, yet, shall seem a sage,  
     Aye, the oldest man in town ;  
 In pounds, of meagre weight.  
 Yet shall he bring his feet,  
     With power most wondrous down ;  
 Though dwarfish as to size,  
 Shall yet roll out his eyes,  
     And swell to a man full grown ;  
 Shall be very wise, and  
 Think to understand

    All questions hard to answer,  
 Knowing more than either,  
 Father or his mother,  
     Grandmother or his grandsire.  
 Singular progeny !

This Young America,  
     Surprising to the nations !  
 Other shall not arise,  
 So wonderful and wise,  
     So worshiped by relations.

A vast, a wondrous, change shall be,  
 In everything and matter,  
 What I foretell, I'll surely see,  
     Fulfilled to the letter ;

But no, I mean not all I say,  
 I'll make just one exception,  
 One thing there is, that shall not change,  
 In this, there's no deception ;  
 In Politics, then, same as now,  
 Men shall hold to " Principle,"  
 Will show it by their arguments,  
 Arguments invincible.  
 If wheels a party square about,  
 And takes its followers with it,  
 They of party so tenacious,  
 That scarcely one shall leave it ;  
 And, if it strongly advocates,  
 A measure it did oppose,  
 Of those who turn as party turns,  
 Not one shall change his views,  
 For " Principle " shall be the cry,  
 The motto of all who vote,  
 So, in belief, no one can change,  
 Though he oft may change his coat,  
 " Principle " shall be the watchword,  
 Of Party, Clique, or Faction,  
 Aye, " Principle, dear Principle,"  
 Their only rule of action.  
 Now some shall be—how passing strange—  
 Who shall fail to understand  
 How *Party* and how *Principle*  
 Can, so well, go hand in hand.  
 But this shall be no paradox,  
 For, in proof, 'twill be of *this*,  
 How truly *accommodating*,  
 Unwav'ring Principle is.

As I view this fair—fair lovely land o'er,  
 From shore on the East, to far Western shore,  
 I see, as I gaze, on right and left hand,  
 That forests, tall and wide-spreading, now stand.  
 Some settlements are, but these are mere dots,  
 There are millions yet of unfelled lots ;  
 A few cities, true, are here and there seen,  
 With, surely, a long, long distance between.  
 Ere years, a centum, shall have made their round,  
 Shall villages rise on new chosen ground,

Thousands on thousands, in all the wide land,  
Where these waving, tow'ring forests, now stand ;  
Many great cities shall spring into view,  
With mills, work-shops, and edifices, too,  
And dwellings fine, that no one shall number,  
Built of hard stone, brick, mortar, and lumber.  
Of townships good, in the newborn nation,  
One shall appear in rugged location,  
Which, though naught to be but a humble town,  
Shall come to some fame, no little renown—  
*Acworth*, aye, *Acworth*, shall be her right name,  
(Scarce other township, e'er known by the same.)  
And, *Acworth*, sure, to good *Acworth's* delight,  
Shall builded be on the happiest site,  
Best loveliest spot that could e'er be found,  
Should traveler travel this big world round,  
Place choicest by far in all the fair land,  
For, when the observer shall take his stand  
At the center of town, then cast his eye  
Upwards direct to the beautiful sky,  
The middle of the heavens wide-arching will be,  
Straight over his head, ah ! well, he will see,  
O'er his upturned face, and clearly in view,  
Point central of sky, so broad and so blue ;  
And, if looketh he from Principal Street,  
He shall see where five or six highways meet,  
Which highways shall, to parts different lead,  
To all the known parts of the world, indeed.  
So if from this town would a townsman go,  
To aught wished for land, be it old or new,  
Or if foreigner would travel to it,  
There'll be ways enough for him to do it.  
So fair and far-spread shall be her renown,  
So known the good name of good *Acworth* town,  
That when rolls round her centennial year,  
Friends, relations, from far and from near,  
Responding, all, to free invitation,  
Shall unite in one grand celebration.  
As if to a great, to a splendid fair,  
A concourse vast shall then thither repair,  
Of husbands, dear wives, fathers, fond mothers,  
Sons, fair daughters, loved sisters, and brothers,  
Neighbors, strangers, mere acquaintances, too,  
A numerous wonderful throng to view.



Oh ! that shall be a joyful occasion,  
When words of greeting—glad salutation,  
When a well-writ historic oration,  
A poem, music, and conversation,  
Ballads, a banquet, toasts, and speeches fine,  
Shall fill happier hours than mirth and wine.

These joys shall be, and no error in date,  
Sixteenth September, eighteen sixty-eight,  
In the self-same year, I fix not the day—  
Shall my labors end, and I pass away. -

“Such, such are things, said I, I would do,  
Said I, I would do, years centum ago,  
And many more like,—Oh ! well, many more—  
Of millions and billions, score upon score.  
Men ne’er have thought, and so much the better,  
That I’ve e’er had a hand in the matter ;  
They’ve thought they acted, as e’er it pleased them,  
Not dreaming for once that I deceived them.  
Oft, I have done good deeds, oft deeds done bad,  
Oft sorry hearts made, and oft made hearts glad ;  
Why thus I have done, not now will I show,  
’Tis enough to say, thou never canst know,  
So fare thee well, and a happy good-night,”  
I turned me round, he was full out of sight.  
With these brief words, having said his adieu,  
*Old One Hundred* years had fled from my view.

I thought to ponder on the words he spake,  
And, then, from my dream did sudden awake.

EXERCISES AT THE TENT.

---

AT the close of the exercises at the church, the concourse of people marched in procession, under the conduct of the Chief Marshal and his assistants, to the mammoth tent, which was pitched on a lot belonging to Mr. C. M. Woodbury, a little south-east of the parsonage, on the lower side of the road leading to South Acworth. This tent was two hundred and five feet by eighty-five. In it the procession found tables bountifully loaded with good things of every kind, and plates laid thereon for nineteen hundred guests. The taste and order with which these tables were arranged were very creditable to the chairman of the Table Committee, Mr. John Blanchard. His skillful management was also evinced by the fact that the provisions had been collected from the voluntary contributions of nearly every family in town, and yet there was a due proportion of every kind. The diligence of the rest of the committee, especially of the district chairmen, and the co-operation of the citizens generally greatly aided him in his arduous undertaking. How many partook of these provisions it is impossible to tell. Many more than nineteen hundred sat down at the tables, and provisions were carried to the multitude outside. It is probable that three thousand persons partook of Acworth's bountiful dinner that day, and yet much was left.

The guests being seated at the table, and a photograph being taken by an artist present, the blessing of God was invoked by Rev. J. L. Whittemore, and the provisions began rapidly to disappear. When these bounties had been thoroughly discussed, the following song, written by Zenas Slader, 2d, was sung by the choir and audience :

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

TUNE:—*Auld Lang Syne.*

Again with heartfelt joy we greet,  
Our native hills once more ;  
Again, remembrance turns afresh,  
To the good old days of yore.





*Yours affectionately,  
Amos Foster.*



*Harriet A. Foster*



We mark the mighty, restless tide,  
 Of Time's resistless flow  
 We view the hills our fathers trod,  
 A hundred years ago.

Old Acworth's myriad sons come home,  
 Her children scattered wide ;  
 O'er West, and South, we've wandered far,  
 More genial climes have tried.  
 We come to laud that valiant band,  
 Their deeds of glory show,  
 Who nobly lived to bless mankind,  
 A hundred years ago.

Though few indeed, their numbers were,  
 With courage undismayed,  
 They onward pressed in Duty's path,  
 And looked to heaven for aid.  
 All honor to those ancient sires,  
 Who laid the forests low,  
 And tamed the silent wilderness,  
 A hundred years ago.

Stern want, and hardship, doomed to meet,  
 Hard and severe their toil,  
 Their steadfast aim, and dauntless will,  
 Subdued a rugged soil ;  
 Then honor to those gallant men,  
 Whose sterling worth we know,  
 The fathers of our goodly town  
 A hundred years ago.

But where are now, those men of old ?  
 O ! where are they to-day ?  
 The cares of earth disturb them not,  
 For they have passed away.  
 Though dead, their numerous virtues live,  
 And untold blessings flow,  
 From those, who broke this native soil,  
 A hundred years ago.

The following sentiment was then responded to by the Rev. Daniel Lancaster of New York City :

*"The Early Settlers of the Town*—Firm in their resolves, courageous in their actions, and persevering in their efforts ; at their hands the forests disappear, the dwelling, school and meeting-houses arise, and a whole township teems with the fruits of civilization."

*Mr. President, and Fellow-Citizens of Acworth*:—Permit me to congratulate you on your success in this gathering, and myself on being permitted to attend it. My older brother, John Lancaster, who intended to

have been here with me, has just been taken suddenly from my side, as I trust, to a higher assembly. And another cotemporary, Ithiel Silsby, whom I expected to meet here, an early friend who first introduced me to my academical tutor, has also just been called to his reward, before participating, as he had ardently wished, in these festivities. In their absence, I feel like one deserted and alone ; coming to meet not familiar faces, but strangers at this centennial. In rising to address you, also, I feel no little embarrassment, because I have so much given me to do and so little time to do it in, as the five minutes allotted to each speaker.

In the resolution proposed by your Committee, and just read by the President, to which I am called upon to respond, you will perceive I have not a problem to solve but a theorem to be proved, and why I should be requested to do it, can, I think, only be explained by one fact. I come down to you from a former century. Most of those now before me date their birth since the year 1800, and I cannot do that. I was born before that period, and of course belong to an earlier generation. And yet it seems to me there is a rejuvenating influence about this gathering. Since coming here I feel young again. The booming of your cannon at sun-rise this morning, every gun of the one hundred fired for the one hundred years of the century, as its sounds reverberated among these hills, seemed to have the same ring as in my boyhood days, and brought back vividly, the scenes of the past. Now, how is it, that I, born in the first generation of this century, should now in the fourth generation have the same youthful feelings ; for allowing, as is usually done, thirty years to a generation, the century we celebrate to-day has comprised three and one-third generations. Near the close of the first thirty years I was born, and though too young to know much of the first generation of settlers by my own personal observation, yet the childhood traditions, mingling with my early remembrances, give me such vivid retrospection of some events just then past, as to enable me to speak of them with almost as much confidence as if they had occurred under my own eye.

I remember well several of the first settlers, shadows though they might have been of their former selves, yet even then venerable as the relics of the men who penetrated these forests, hitherto the abode only of savage beasts—men hardy, brave, determined, persistent, successful. Such men were Billy Clark, William Keyes, John Rogers, Peter Ewens, Robert Davidson, Daniel Grout, Joseph Chatterton, Dean Carleton, Henry Silsby, James McClure, and the two John Wilson's (known as Big John and Little John). Others equally or more prominent, and like these from seventy to eighty years old, my memory does not now recall. But their sons and others, of similar hardy, robust, resolute and fearless traits, who moved into town near the last of the first thirty years, and the beginning of the second generation, I recollect with great vividness. Among those in my own immediate portion of the town, called the *West-side*, were Hugh and Samuel Finlay, Col. John Dun-



can, the Dickey brothers, (Capt. James, Adam and Benjamin,) and their cousin Lieut. James Dickey, James Wallace, Capt. Joseph Gregg, John and Jacob Hayward, the Lancaster brothers (Moses, Joshua and Ebenezer), the Grout brothers, Mr. Stebbins, Hugh Henry, the Silsby brothers, the Slader brothers, the McClure brothers, the Bailey's, Lemuel Lincoln, Daniel Nurse, James Warner, Elisha Parks and Larned Thayer. A large number of others who settled on the *East side*, of whom I, at this early period, had less knowledge, also distinguished themselves at a later period of the town's history, and their memory equally claims our honorable regard to-day. But I must confine my remarks to those early pioneers of these forests and their immediate posterity and associates.

The points included in the resolution, you will perceive, are their *courage*, *firmness* and *perseverance*. If they approached these rugged hills, as it is supposed they did, from the plains and meadows on the banks of the Connecticut River in Charlestown, it will be easily seen that these traits must have been fully developed in their attempts to make farms among these mountains. Think of the amount of hard labor required to turn these heavily timbered acres into fruitful fields, to level the forest, to clear the ground, to sow the grain, to erect houses and barns, to grade the roads, to build the bridges and the mills, to fence the farms, to furnish the school and meeting-houses, and at the same time feed and clothe their families. Yet all this was done within the first generation of thirty years from the settlement of the town, and it required *firmness, courage and perseverance*, for many were the dangers encountered, the obstacles met and surmounted, the discouragements experienced and overcome; but these men were equal to any emergency. Let me refer to a few incidents in illustration of this remark. It used to be related that when there was but *one* man in town and when he in his lonely toil was accustomed for a whole week at a time to hear no human voice, as he, one Saturday night, was just stooping down at his favorite spring for a draught of cool water before commencing his evening's walk to Charlestown to pass the Sabbath, where he attended church with his friends, suddenly there broke forth a voice from the tree above him, like to the human voice, uttering, "Who! Who! Who! Who!" He sprang to his feet and instinctively replied, "Bill Keyes. Don't you know me? Come down here and let us get better acquainted." This last remark was accompanied by the discharge of his gun, and the speedy descent of the owl at his feet. Here was courage and decision.

At a somewhat later period, when the settlers could count their neighbors, but wild beasts had not yet all retreated before the march of civilization, a man, being in the south-west part of the town, returning home alone at a later hour in the evening than was safe, was confronted by a bear in his path who, rising upon his hind legs, embraced the man with his fore paws, and was just opening his mouth to devour his prey, when he suddenly recoiled from the fatal plunge of the jack-knife, which entered his heart and drew his

life's blood, laying him dead at the feet of his antagonist, who hastened to his home in the county without further molestation.

Another event :—On the very day I was born occurred the last great wolf hunt in these regions, in which my father participated. The wolf had molested the sheep-folds on both sides of the river, and found the best mutton-chops back on the hills ; consequently the western part of Acworth was sadly annoyed. The wolf had become old in crime, and was too wary to be caged or entrapped. A hunt was resolved upon by the people on both sides of the river, which was at the time bridged over by ice. The day was agreed upon—the signals were given—the horns were sounded—the ring was formed—the march commenced. Her wolfship was this time encircled. Not liking the administration of affairs in Vermont, where she was at the time residing, she retired in disgust to New Hampshire ; but she soon found that that too, was becoming an uncomfortable place of sojourn. She returned again to her Green Mountain retreats, but found them now infested by dogs, guns and men. She again recrossed the river in hopes to find a den of safety among the granite rocks of New Hampshire, but again she was sent back by the thickening ranks which were now concentrating on the meadows in Charlestown. Here the fierce, infuriated animal ran backward and forwards, attempting to break the ring, but was repulsed at every point. At length Col. Hunt, a Revolutionary officer, being mounted, rode forth and by a well aimed fire brought the animal to the ground, to the great joy of every weary hunter. The men of Acworth having dined to their satisfaction on wolf steak returned to their homes in the midst of one of the severest snow storms of the season. Here was a display of *firmness, courage, and persistency*, undisputed and successful.

These are traditionary incidents, yet I have myself known some pretty tall things of some individuals of these early generations. I have seen them *ploughing above the clouds*, as Gen. Joseph Hooker fought the rebels on Lookout mountain. In a bright autumnal morning I have seen the teams turning the furrow upon the hill side at an elevation much above the dense fogs that lay upon the Connecticut River. I have seen them breaking the roads through a snow drift that was twenty-two feet deep on the 2nd day of April. I have heard in my boyhood days one of this generation boast that he could eat his way through pumpkin pies from his house to Col. Duncan's, a mile and a half. Another that he could raise a barrel of cider to his mouth and drink from the bung. All these marvels would indicate a strong, hardy race of men. But their strength and courage were not limited to *muscular* and *digestive* feats. Next to their labors and toils in getting their farms, and erecting their houses, came the necessity of getting a wife. And this—as every one knows who has tried it—requires *courage* on his part to begin the negotiation, and firmness and perseverance to complete the contract, and on her part the same courage is required to yield assent to the proposals, and firmness and perseverance to abide by her own decisions. And yet they did

it in every case where it was attempted and persisted in, and I never heard of divorce in these generations. They stood fast to their integrity. They adhered to the marriage union, and their houses were filled with the blessed fruits thereof.

Having commenced their career on correct principles, they persevered in sustaining them. The name selected by the proprietors of Aeworth being a contraction of the compound word Add-worth, became the motto of the settlers. A worthy race originally, they went on adding to their worth in every department—to their *wealth*,—to their *estates* if not to their *bank deposits*,—to their intelligence, and the education of their children, who in the common schools, made very good scholars. If the letters, written by the youth of these early days, could be collected and examined to-day, I think very few words would be found misspelled, and few sentences of false grammar. They would compare well with the compositions of the present day.

Aeworth was early distinguished for raising up good school-teachers, and the first generation sent a fair proportion of their sons to college, among whom were Theophilus Wilson, Samuel Woodbury, and Jonathan Silsby, brilliant lights while they shone, but alas! destined too soon to be extinguished, being cut off in the very morning of their career.

By union of sentiment, they added to their strength. They tolerated no *loafers*, and of course had no *paupers*, and no meddlers. They were a body politic in themselves. They had no leaders. The people led. There was no *ring*—none to form a clique and say, as did the seven tailors of London, in their petition to Parliament, “*We, the people of England.*” There were no three, five, or ten men, who without being authorized, dared to say, “*We, the people of Aeworth.*” It was one of the virtues of the fathers of the town, that they put down all who aspired to lead. They would not even allow a lawyer to put up his *shingle* here, and the first one who did so, was ordered to leave town before the next Saturday night. This policy gave them a strength and energy which could not be resisted. In every common enterprise all took hold of the work, and it was a common remark that whatever Aeworth undertook had to go. In all lawsuits in which the town was concerned, they were successful. Other towns attempted to throw their paupers on Aeworth, but never succeeded. And this spirit of co-operation, I think, continues among their descendants. I see it at this celebration—in the admirable arrangements for this festal day. The people combined, and therefore it has been a success, and surely no better policy can be pursued. They added to their healthfulness and beauty. I know of no prevailing sickness in town, till the *spotted fever* appeared in 1812–13. Free from dissipation, regular, sober, and temperate in their habits, they ate well, and slept well, retired early, and rose early, and seldom had to call in a physician. The doctor could scarcely get a living among them. Their good health gave sprightliness and beauty to their descendants. The pioneer females were a fine race of women, who plied the distaff and wrought at the loom, producing the

home-spun cloth with which they were clad, and the daughters they raised up at the same occupation were celebrated for their beauty. The clear atmosphere of these hills, and the bracing climate, even in the hottest season of the year, gave them a fair complexion and rosy cheeks, and tints of beauty far surpassing what modern cosmetics can produce. Every woman you met you pronounced the handsomest woman in town, and every family contained daughters handsomer than their mothers. You will not wonder I thought so when I tell you what a handsome thing they did for me while in college, when their "Sewing-Circle" sent me fifty years ago, by their good pastor, a handsome purse, well filled, to pay my college bills. As I look around here to-day I see (dim as my vision is), that this same quality of beauty still lingers in the grand-daughters that grace this assembly. May the same article never be wanting here.

They added to their population. Their households increased, not always by twins,—but not very far between. The schools were full. In every district you would find an average of four or five to each family, an example worthy of imitation in every generation.

They added to their religion. Always a sober, Sabbath-keeping, church-going people, I remember the old meeting house, then the only place of public worship in town, had seldom a vacant seat. And such a choir of singers, forty stalwart men on the bass, and other parts in proportion. The old fugue tunes of that day made the arches of the old house ring again. All were present at an early hour. The common was black with the gathering throng. The minister, Rev. John Kimball, issuing from his boarding-house, for he was a single man—would march up through the ranks, raising his hat, and bowing on either side. When he entered the house it was the signal for all to follow. In cold weather there being no means of warming the house, the lesson was soon said; the prayer, always the same, and so often repeated that every boy knew it by heart, contained one peculiar phrase, which in these recent times might not have seemed perfectly loyal, "*Say to the North give up and to the South keep not back.*" I could not then understand, and I am not confident that I do now understand, what that meant, but I suppose it was not political preaching. The change of heart referred to in the Gospel, I never heard preached by him. But under his successor many added to their religion, and a large proportion of the adult population were members of the church.

It was in these later days that the young men were inspired to form an association called the "Moral Society," meeting once a month, for addresses and discussions on moral and religious topics, and every Sabbath noon, to hear religious reading by some one previously appointed. These meetings exerted a most salutary influence upon the youth, and was the pioneer to an extensive revival, bringing several of the young men into the church, and some of them into the Christian ministry.

Thus I have, as I trust, established the points contained in the resolution,





Yours truly  
John Brewitt

of *courage, firmness* and persistency in the character of the early settlers, and that these traits have descended in each generation to the present. In these respects Aeworth is Aeworth still. Some have said here to-day, *old* Aeworth, I say *young* Aeworth for she is good for another century, and still another, as long as her hills shall endure. Instead of the fathers shall be the children, improved, refined, perfected, consummated in every noble trait and virtue.

And as her sons shall revisit her in coming centuries, walk about her walls, and survey her bulwarks, and tell her towers, they may look up and say, as I am constrained to say, to-day, "Peace be within thy borders, and plenty within thy dwellings," and the grace of that God, who watched over the fathers, and was the Guardian of their children, rest also in each generation in the hearts of their children's children, even unto the remotest periods of time.

The second sentiment was responded to by Rev. John Orcutt, D. D., of New York City, as follows:

*"Our Ancestral Mothers"*—The spinning-wheel was their piano-forte, the cradle their melodeon, their sons and their daughters the best musical production extant."

*Mr. President:*—I am aware it is expected of men in my profession, when called to address public assemblies, that they will stick to their text. Of this I have no disposition to complain. As a general rule it is right and proper. But inasmuch as the text announced for me on this rare and interesting occasion is not one of my own choosing, nor the place one of my own making, I feel that I must be allowed a little latitude in what I have to say. The memories, so full of mingled joy and sadness, which are called up, as I stand among my friends and fellow-townsmen, and which made me long to look once more upon the spot that gave me birth, are too numerous and pressing to be entirely ignored or suppressed.

On my way here I was led to reflect on the singular power there sometimes is in a *name*. What but a name has caused this large gathering of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, the old and the young, many of whom have come from remote parts of the country? What, I ask, has brought us together, but the name of Aeworth? And yet it is not merely the name for there is an Aeworth in Georgia, and Aeworth is a family name in England, but it has no attractions for us in either of these directions. The magic power that influenced us, is the creature of circumstances. It was Aeworth, New Hampshire—the place of our nativity, the home of our childhood that brought us thither. We are together by a common tie, and a common interest, and ready, I trust, to rejoice in each other's prosperity, and to do what we can to promote each other's welfare. And as I stand again on these familiar heights, and the eye of the mind with the rapidity of thought passes over the different localities of the town, noting "Coffin Hill," and "Keyes Hollow," "Grout Hill," and "Clark's Hollow,"

"Gates' Hill," and "Park's Hollow," "Derry Hill," and the "Finlay District," the scriptural inquiry is forced upon me, "Our fathers, where are they?" Where are the active men of the town some of us knew so well, forty or fifty years ago? I cannot refrain from naming a few of those whose forms and features are as distinct in mind as if I had seen them but yesterday. Next to my own beloved father, I would name the Rev. Phineas Cooke, for whom I ever felt the deepest reverence; Dr. Carleton, Dr. Parker, Nathaniel Grout, Daniel Robinson, Gawin Gilmore, Ithiel Silsby, Edward Woodbury, Jacob Hayward, David Montgomery, Capt. James Dickey, Col. Duncan, Hugh Finlay, Robert McClure, Samuel McClure, Dea. Henry Silsby, Supply Reed, Dea. Edward Slader, William Grout, Col. Grout, Nathaniel Merrill, Joseph Hemphill, Robert Clark, George Clark, Isaac Campbell, John Currier, Capt. William Oreutt, Ichabod Oreutt, Samuel Clark, James Young, John Woodbury, Thomas Davis, and many others that might be mentioned, equally worthy and no less esteemed. Where are they? All gone to their graves. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We love to think of their character and worth, while we mourn their loss. Whatever may be said of their imperfections, or faults, no town was ever settled by a more intelligent, industrious, energetic, patriotic, virtuous class of men than they. Ours was a paternal ancestry, of which we have no reason to be ashamed—rather one of which we may well boast. But this is a digression.

Of our "Ancestral Mothers" I was to speak. Would that I had time and ability to do justice to them. As much as may be said in praise of our paternal ancestors, less should not be said in favor of our maternal ancestry, for it must be admitted that without our fore-mothers, our fore-fathers would not have been of much use to us!

Some one said to the first Napoleon, "what France needs is mothers." There was much force in the remark. As in a finished painting, it is the back-ground which gives character and effect to the picture, so in social life—in the family kingdom, though the fathers are most conspicuous, being seen in the fore-ground of the picture, as the bolder strokes of the pencil, the forming, dissecting, controlling power, which gives character to the individual, and to the state, is behind the throne, in the quiet sanctuary of home. It is in the mother.

Our ancestral mothers are before us on this occasion, as *musicians*. "The spinning-wheel was their piano-forte." The spinning wheel is among the objects of my earliest recollections. I remember well what was called the great-wheel, and the little-wheel, and the music they produced. I can boast of a mother who was a most skillful performer on that instrument—especially the little-wheel. She could play to the tune of ten knots an hour of the finest linen thread, for which she repeatedly obtained a premium. My sisters, too, were good players on the spinning-wheel. So were mothers and sisters, generally, for it was a *useful* and *necessary* employment. It de-



volved on them to manufacture clothing for the family, and they did their work well. There was little of the "shoddy" in their productions. It was useful in a two-fold sense. It not only furnished the requisite raiment, but it tended to health. In those days modern gymnastics were entirely unnecessary. Every house was a gymnasium, in which the spinning-wheel, the loom, the hatchel, the kneading-trough, and the wash-tub, afforded abundant facilities for all needful gymnastic exercises. Practising on these instruments made women of nerve and vigor, and great physical endurance.

But another instrument of music in those days is to be noticed. "The cradle was their melodeon." Whatever may be said of the quality of the music from this source, it cannot be doubted the melodies produced were various and plentiful. As evidence of this I will cite a few cases.

Mrs. James Miller, who with her husband settled in the south part of the town, was the mother of sixteen children, thirteen of whom grew to be men and women, and she lived to the age of ninety-two years.

Mrs. Samuel King, who resided in the same school district, was the mother of fourteen children, all of whom lived to an adult age.

Mrs. Col. Duncan who was a model step-mother to eight children of her husband by a former wife, had eleven children of her own, and is still with us in good health at the advanced age of ninety-four years, being the oldest person in town. From these cases, it appears that the melodies of the cradle were not few or far between.

But I will not omit to state one other case of interest. Mrs. Lieut. John Rodgers, one of the first settlers of Acworth, and maternal ancestor of many present, was called to dress a deceased neighbor in the habiliments of the grave. This kind office was hardly completed when she was summoned by another neighbor to assume the duties of a midwife. This office she also performed, thus clothing one of her neighbors for the grave, and another for life, on the same night. The infant born that night is Capt. James Wallace who is still among us, hale and hearty, at the age of eighty-two years.

Such were the characters of our ancient mothers; and the fact should not be overlooked, or forgotten, that with all their other good qualities, they were scrupulously religious. They respected the Sabbath, "not forsaking the assembling of themselves together" on that holy day for sincere and devout worship. Though sometimes obliged to either walk a long distance or ride on horseback behind their husbands with one, two or more children in their arms, they made it a matter of duty to go to meeting, and this may be regarded as the crowning excellence of their character and worth.

It is no small pleasure and honor to look upon the vast concourse of people assembled on this occasion, and feel that you are one of them, as the descendants of such an ancestry, and who will hesitate to pronounce it "the best musical production extant."

Let us not forget, my fellow-townsmen, how much we owe to our maternal training. Let us ever be thankful that we were raised on these delightful

hills, in this pure air, and under the tuition and watchful care of Christian mothers.

And if the youth present will bear with me in a word of exhortation, I would say to them, do not be in haste to leave these rural scenes, and peaceful homes, in pursuit of a fortune, or to improve your condition. If you do, the chances are ten to one that you will reap the fruit of disappointment. It has fallen to my lot to visit many parts of the country, and to see social life in the city and great thoroughfares of business, and of pleasure, and I can most sincerely say, if I had children to leave in this world, I would much prefer to leave them on these Acworth hills, amid this virtuous and prosperous community, than mingling in the public marts, exposed to the uncertainties and surrounded by the temptations of city life. It was a scriptural commendation of Uzziah, that "he loved husbandry."

Never leave the farm, or the workshop, merely for a more honorable, a more hopeful, or a more happy vocation. Be content to till the soil, to be a good farmer, a skillful mechanic, or an honest merchant, where you are, unless duty calls you elsewhere.

The spot where our noble ancestry chose to dwell, and toil and die, is a good place for their offspring. Be content with your lot, seek first the kingdom of God, live to do good, and your reward is sure. Be satisfied with the home of your ancestral mothers, to live where they lived, to die in sight of their honored sepulchres, and to be buried by their side. And may the blessing of their God, and our God, and our father's God, ever be with, and save us all for Christ's sake.

Hymns of "olden time" and fugue tunes, were now sung by the choir, and remarks were made by Rev. Davis Brainerd of Lyme, Ct., who when fresh from the Divinity School, spent a few months in pastoral labor among these hills. The following toast was then introduced, and was responded to by Dr. William Grout, of Loraine County, Ohio :

*"The Soldiers of the Revolutionary War—Though their forms have left us, their deeds still live and their memory shall be forever cherished."*

*Mr. President, and Fellow-Citizens:—*Permit me to preface my response by saying, that it affords me unspeakable pleasure to be with you here to-day, to mingle in this gathering, and participate in the festivities of this occasion. After an absence from most of you of more than forty years, I still feel an undying attachment to the land of my birth, to the home of my childhood. My heart swells with emotion on being again permitted to tread this soil, and breathe once more the air that sweeps over these my native hills, where first I drew the breath of life, and learned to tempt its untried paths. But, above all, that which is the greatest source of joy to me on this occasion is the privilege of greeting once more in the flesh, of behold-

ing the forms, and clasping the hands of a few of the surviving companions of my early life, who, in the good providence of God, "by reason of strength," have borne up against the rude elements of time, having out-ridden its fearful storms—and, with me have gathered here to-day to contribute their mite to the interests of this occasion. And though worn with cares, and clad in the gray garniture of age, yet inspired by the memories of the past and the demonstrations of the present, we are young in heart, and feel something of the freshness and vigor, which characterized the days of our boyhood.

In responding to the sentiment which has been assigned me, I am forced to the conclusion, Mr. President, that your committee must have had some knowledge of my capacity or rather *in-capacity*—that they took into consideration that I was but an ordinary man, like ancient Moses, slow of speech, and unaccustomed to public harangue, knowing little or nothing of the science of rhetoric, or subtle disquisition, and altogether unskilled in the art of speech-making. Hence, they have called upon me to respond to a sentiment that needs no comment, but which is a finished oration of itself, full and complete in all its parts, and to which the heart of every loyal American citizen beats a response, and which at least finds an echo in the bosom of the most degenerate sons of the Revolutionary soldiers. Let me repeat:—"The soldiers of the Revolutionary war; though their forms have left us, yet their deeds still live, and their memory shall be cherished forever." Why, Mr. President, this sentiment is replete with interest, and though it may fail to make an orator of *me*, yet so far as meeting a response in our sympathies, it seems to me to be akin, to the sentiment, "My Mother, God bless her for all she has done and suffered for me, her name shall be engraven on the tablet of my memory forever." "The forms of the Revolutionary soldiers" have indeed left us. The last one has gone down to the silence of the grave. They no longer mingle with us in our public celebrations, as in days of yore. But this is no more true than the fact that "their deeds shall live," and God grant that they may never perish or cease to exert a moulding influence over their posterity. We cannot forget "their deeds," if we would, for they are inscribed as with a pen of iron, upon the sacred altars, and mighty bulwarks of our nation. On every hand we see them cropping out in symmetrical beauty, grandeur and glory. All that we fondly boast of, as American citizens, our free political institutions, our civil and religious liberties, our cherished right of suffrage and all, in short, that distinguishes us from, and elevates us above the monarchical governments of the earth, giving us a name and praise throughout the civilized world, has, under God, been transmitted to us and our children, by the bleeding hands of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war. And shall *they* be forgotten? *Never! No! NEVER!* Rather let us say of them, as ancient Israel did of Jerusalem, "If I forget thee, Oh Jerusalem! let my right hand forget her cunning, and let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth!"

The sundered bonds of oppression ; the riven yoke of British tyranny ; the freedom of speech ; the pursuit of happiness ; the exalted privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of our own conscience ; our national escutcheon ; the glorious stars and stripes—the emblem of liberty—triumphantly waving over us to-day, and which is flung to the breeze throughout the wide world commanding the respect of all nations, unitedly call upon us to hold the names of the Revolutionary soldiers in sacred and perpetual remembrance.

And while we should forever cherish the memory of the Revolutionary soldiers, we should not be forgetful of their noble sons, who clearly demonstrated in the war of 1812, that they had been taught in the school of their fathers, and were able to defend against a foreign foe the sacred interests, which their sires had wrenched from the grasp of the enemy, and committed to their charge.

And now, that I have digressed, permit me to trace the lineage of the noble brave. You will excuse me, sir, if I briefly refer to the more distant descendants of the Revolutionary soldiers, their grandsons, and great-grandsons, who so recently, in the midst of the nineteenth century, when the dearest interests of our beloved country were menaced, by a most unnatural foe, when our cherished ship of State was tossing to and fro, on the angry waves of mad ambition, while alienated brothers in arms, like a blind Samson, were feeling for the pillars of our glorious republic, so nobly rallied to the rescue, and triumphantly bore aloft the flag of our Union, though their ungrateful brethren had determined to trail it in the dust. God, bless the loyal GRANDSONS of the Revolutionary soldiers, and characterize them with the sterling integrity of their illustrious predecessors.

Mr. President, I may say in conclusion, that the sentiment before us, is fraught with deep and thrilling interest to every American citizen, but more especially perhaps to the sons, and daughters of the soldiers of the Revolution, as they came into more immediate sympathy and contact with them. There are doubtless some of us here to-day, whose heads are whitened by the frosts of many winters, and whose eyes are dim with age, yet who can distinctly recall, among their earliest recollections, the fact of climbing, of a winter's evening upon the knee, of a Revolutionary soldier—not a stranger, but one whom we delighted to call by the endearing name of father—and how, with almost breathless interest, we listened to the recital of some thrilling incident, or daring adventure, as it came with touching pathos from the lips of the veteran soldier, causing our young bosom to heave with deep emotion, as he graphically narrated the hair-breadth escapes from the missiles of death, or the equally dreaded clutch of the enemy. And, even now when the name of a Revolutionary soldier is mentioned in our hearing, the smouldering emblems of patriotism in our bosoms, are fanned into a flame, as it brings to mind the tragic reminiscences of “ye olden time” when our hearts beat high with hope, as we fondly anticipated entering upon the full fruition of





Wm M Bonard

that priceless boon—"Liberty and Independence," for which our fathers fought and bled.

There is something so inspiring in the names of the Revolutionary soldiers that when reference is made to them in such an assembly as this, it kindles so much enthusiasm in our bosoms, we find it almost impossible to listen to the commonplace responses of an ordinary man.

Nay, verily, even the most popular orators of the age are in danger of being silenced, while the promiscuous multitude break forth in unrestrained and irrepressible applause, and simultaneously call for "THREE TIMES THREE" *in honor and sacred memory of the departed soldiers of the Revolutionary War.*

The next sentiment was responded to by J. M. Barnard, Esq., of Rochester, N. Y.:

*"The Soldiers of the War of 1812 and the Mexican War—*The former closed the mouth of the British Lion, the latter compelled Mexico to respect her obligations and pay her honest debts. For their sacrifices a grateful people will ever pay to them a tribute of respect."

*Fellow Prodigals, and Pilgrims to this Mecca Shrine of ours—Glorious old Acworth:*

"Where'er we go, what other lands we see,  
Our hearts untrammelled, fondly turn to thee."

A quarter of a century ago, nearly every able bodied man in this town was a soldier, and enrolled in the Second or Sixth Company of the Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire militia; appeared regularly on parade, armed and equipped as the law directed, ready to learn and practice the mystic maneuvers and evolutions of the military art, and if need be, to go forth at the call of the country to meet alike the foreign invader or domestic traitor—whether in the harbor of Portsmouth, or on the bloody field of Lundy's Lane, under the gallant Scott, or with glorious old "Zack" on the neutral bank of the Rio Grande.

The boys of my own age, and older, remember with what thrilling sensations of pride and pleasure they first listened to the "ear-piercing fife, and the spirit-stirring drum" on training days, when we

Gathered from the hill-sides,  
Gathered from the glen,  
Longing for the glorious time  
When we should all be men.

Yes! from the frowning dominions of "Black North," from the prolific regions of "Grout" and "Derry Hills," from the sylvan shades of "Parks" and "Keyes' Hollow," and the romantic borders of Cold Pond, we came, the sun-bronzed sons of toil, some of us, perhaps, loaded down with six and one-quarter cents in our pockets, ready to commence tremendous raids on

cakes and candy, or gathered around the grand old *liberty-pole*, that stood so long, the stately sentinel, on the cap-stone of the common, the pride and glory of the town, from whose top floated proudly to the breeze, the same star-spangled banner—thank heaven, and the boys in blue—that *still* floats from the dome of the capitol, and over *all* the republic.

If in after years, induced by a long period of peace and quiet, this good old custom became a fancied burden, and fell into disrepute, and the citizen soldiery, by unfriendly legislation, was suffered to decay, it only needed, as we have seen, the bugle blast of war, to arouse again the old military ardor and patriotic spirit of Town, State and Nation, and show to the world that though sleeping, it was by no means dead.

Long may that spirit survive! the spirit of '76—and if the time shall ever come, when it shall find no longer here its congenial home, and shall be compelled from any cause, to take its farewell flight from our beloved land—then, and not till then, will the days of the republic be numbered. For all history teaches, and its humiliating lessons are being daily repeated, that no government, however pure and free, is safe from brutal assault, and malignant destruction, from the iron heel of the despot, or the envenomed tooth of treason, and that in its hour of need, there is no strong arm for its defence, but God and the soldier; that the *cannon* and the *musket* are the only power on earth, that can command a peace, protect defenceless innocence, and guard the sacred citadels of the Union; that the whole fabric of civil government rests upon the sword; that the most revered constitutions, and wisest laws, would all lose their force, and fail in their purpose, but for the “power behind the throne,” which compels obedience to their behests.

But while in the governments of the old world, this overwhelming responsibility rests in the hands of *mercenary hirelings*, it is the pride and boast of the Republic, that its citizens and its soldiers, are one. That the same hand which to-day hurls a *bullet* at the heart of its enemy, may to-morrow drop gently a *ballot* for its friend. Ours is an army, moved and controlled by that emanation from the Deity, that was breathed into man with the breath of life, and not the mere machine that blindly follows the beck and nod of the despot. The patriotic aspirations of the sleek and oily citizen, as he treads his lordly halls, and basks in the splendor and luxury of wealth, are no higher, and holier, than the quivering, gasping “God bless my country,” that moves for the last time the thin pale lips of the dying soldier.

Fifty years ago, England, haughty and insolent in pride and power, proclaiming herself “Mistress of the Seas,” attempted to enforce upon the nations, and especially upon the United States, the odious and absurd dogma, that “*once a British subject, always a British subject*,” claiming the right to press into her land or naval forces, all persons who had the misfortune to be born within the limits of her dominion. It mattered not, that oppression had driven them from their native land, how long they had lived in America, or how many times they had sworn to bear faith and true alle-



giance to the United States, the moment they were found on British soil, or even upon the "high seas," they were claimed by British officials, dragged from our merchant vessels on board their ships of war, and compelled to suffer the most brutal indignities, and death even, if they refused to fight against that country, in which they had reared their altars, their firesides and their homes.

Remonstrance and warning by our government were alike unheeded, and the only alternation was *war*. Hence on the 19th of April, 1812, President Madison, authorized by Congress, and impelled by a long list of accumulated wrongs, issued the declaration.

Looking back upon the past, and coming down to the present, where in all this broad land is the man who, to-day, would not hang his head in shame, at the thought that *he* once counseled submission to such brutal wrongs, such high-handed tyranny! The idea is humiliating to the pride, and abhorrent to the soul of every American freeman. Yet, history, which sometimes REPEATS ITSELF, will make us remember a Hartford convention, and that bane of republics, a peace party in war.

The old around me, the living witnesses, and actors in that great drama, have the events of the war written indelibly on the tablets of memory. To the young, the historic page has made its heroic deeds, and examples of patriotic daring, as familiar as household words. The base surrender of the northern army at Detroit, by a timid or a traitorous leader, cast for a time a shadow on the land, but it was soon dispelled by the grand achievements of our gallant navy, and all the winter of our discontent was made glorious summer by the immortal Jackson, who met the enemy on the plains of New Orleans, and closed the war in a blaze of glory; not only stopped the mouth of the British Lion, but drew his *huge eye-teeth*, and thrust them down his throat.

The great object of the war was accomplished, the impressment of American seamen was abandoned by the "Empress of the Sea," the rights of citizenship, as well to naturalized as to native born Americans were secured and the great principle for which our government has ever contended, the right of expatriation—the right of a man to change his home, and his allegiance—firmly and forever established, and to-day the governments of Europe, under the lead of Prussia, have abandoned the exploded doctrines of a feudal age, and recognize the fact that the "Stars and Stripes" wherever they float, protect alike the native born and adopted citizen.

Another cycle of time is past. Another generation is upon the stage of action. Texas, always a "wayward sister," has seceded from Mexico. But not until the last lingering hope of her reconquest was extinguished in the bloody battle of San Jacinto, did they tell her to "depart in peace."

The vast region between the Neuse and the Rio Grande, was indeed a land of terror, occupied only by predatory bands of Indians from the mountains, guerillas from Mexico, and bush-whackers from the Texan border. Owing

to the generally mixed condition of affairs in Mexico—one, military chieftain to-day and another to-morrow—the important question of boundary between the two countries had never been finally adjusted, and when the annexation of Texas to the United States had been consummated, it became at once the right, as well as the duty, of the latter to extend its protecting care over its new domain, and put in process of speedy settlement, all questions of boundary. To accomplish this object, and with no thought of invading the *saered soil* of Mexico, Gen. Taylor, with a small force of the United States army, was sent in the spring of 1845 towards the Rio Grande. Before reaching his destination, the flower of the Mexican army, led by its most famous generals, exulting in its vast superiority of numbers, and smarting under former defeats with Texans, determined to redeem, if possible, its fast waning military glory, by, as they thought, the nice little arrangement of “gobbling up old Zack.” How true it is,

“The best laid schemes of mice and men, aft gang agley.”

The news of the battle flashed over the land! the tocsin of alarm was everywhere sounded! “American blood has been spilled on American soil.” By the act of Mexico, war existed. All unexpected, it came like a clap of thunder from a cloudless sky, and startled again the half-sleeping sentinels on the watch-towers of freedom. Then there was hurrying to and fro, and mustering in hot haste. *The army of occupation was in danger*; and henceforth, bearing aloft, the streaming banner, inscribed with “*Indemnity for the past, security for the future*,” the flag of the North soon floated not only over Palo Alto and Resaca, but over Monterey, Buena Vista, Tampico, San Juan, Vera Cruz, National Bridge, Cerro Gordo, Jalapa, Perote, Puebla, Chapultepec, Molino del Rey, and the Halls of the Montezumas. In one continued series of victories without a single defeat, the soldiers of the Republic, bore in triumph the flag of the free, until Castilian pride was humbled, Mexican cruelty, treachery, and duplicity duly punished, indemnity for oft-repudiated obligations secured, and ample guarantees for future good conduct obtained.

It may be, that their existence as a nation, was finally saved by their inveterate habit of non-payment. For, with the national life in the strong grasp of Gen. Scott, they surrendered, rather than pay the debt of nature.

Of the results of that contest which has enabled our country to make its giant strides in material greatness, I will only mention one, the acquisition of California, the richest gem in the coronet of the Union, and the consequent building of the great Pacific Railroad, the grandest highway yet created for the *grand march* of commerce, and civilization around the world. Here in New England you have not yet begun to realize the magnitude of that most wonderful achievement of the nineteenth century. But its influence is already felt with terrible earnestness in the growing West, that magical realm, where if you but “tickle the land with a plough, it

laughs with a harvest." It is to them as though a mighty river—another "Father of Waters," had just been discovered, having its sources in the upper Mississippi, and flowing directly towards the setting sun,—rending mountains asunder,—pouring its turbid waters into the broad bosom of the Pacific. It opens up to them a choice of markets, for their vast products, between Western Europe via New York, and New Orleans, and the opulent East, the millions of China and Japan. A free and easy outlet, cheap and ready transportation is the great desideratum, the vital necessity of that stupendous grain-field. What wonder then that her gallant sons swept away, as with a besom of destruction, every barrier planted by treason, upon the banks or upon the bosom of the sacred river, their own consecrated highway to the Gulf and Ocean. "Its free commerce forever," was an ordinance of nature. To defy it was to *defy* the will of heaven. As soon attempt to dam its waters with bulrushes, as to stop its free navigation again.

Manifest Destiny, backed by the soldier has given us a most magnificent country, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the inland oceans of the north, to the sparkling surface of the tropical seas, embracing all earth's variety of soil, climate and production. Our Revolutionary Fathers severed the bonds that held us British subjects, made us American sovereigns, and gave us the noblest form of government the world has ever known. But it remained for Washington and his heroes of the battle-field to *establish* and *secure*,—for Jackson and Taylor with their braves to *protect* and *defend*, and for the glorious soldiers of the *Union army* to *preserve* and *perpetuate*.

Can posterity profane such a record, or fail in its profoundest gratitude to those who periled their lives to make it? No! whatever may be the faults of the American people, however bitter may be the rage of partisan rancor, denunciation and hate; they never yet have failed, and I trust in God they never will fail, to duly honor and reward the faithful soldier of the Republic, to crown with the civil wreath the laureled brow, and cherish with kindest care, and noblest charity, each war-scarred veteran, and hero-orphaned child.

"For gold the merchant plows the main,  
The farmer plows the manor,  
But glory is the sodger's praise,  
The sodger's wealth is honor,  
The brave, poor sodger ne'er despise,  
Nor count him as a stranger,  
Remember he's his country's stay,  
In day and hour of danger."

The fifth sentiment, "To the memory of the late Rev. Phineas Cooke," was responded to by Rev. Amos Foster, President of the Day:

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*—My acquaintance with Mr. Cooke commenced in the winter of 1819–20, and it was my privilege to be on terms of intimacy

with him, till within a few years of his death. I knew him well in private life, in the domestic circle, in the social relations, in the meeting for prayer, and in the public religious assembly. And to enjoy the acquaintance of such a man is a privilege which any one might highly value.

The remarks now made, are rather for the sake of the beloved youth of Aeworth, than of those in more advanced life. A few yet survive, who knew Mr. Cooke as well, perhaps better than myself. Many more there are in this place who knew him not, only as they have heard his name oft repeated, as a sort of household word, in the families in which they have been trained. It is befitting, then, on their account, as well as the interesting occasion on which we have assembled, that something should be said of one who exerted so large an influence in forming the character of the town.

On meeting the individual of whom we speak, for the first time, one would be especially struck by his physical appearance. He was tall, well proportioned and symmetrical in form. His motions were graceful, his aspect mild and winning, his voice full and sonorous, and his whole manner such as at once to gain your confidence, respect and esteem. No one could long feel himself a stranger in his presence. In conversation he was varied, interesting and instructive. While at times he indulged in a vein of pleasantry, he never for a moment forgot his position as a minister of Christ, and his words were always such as to show that he felt the weight of the cause which it was his great object to promote.

Some one has said, "He who observes remarkable events, shall have remarkable events to observe." In Mr. Cooke, might be seen a striking illustration of this remark. He closely watched the operations of Providence, and it was interesting to notice how, from these he was constantly drawing lessons, by which he was guided in the duties of practical life. And to illustrate his ideas of Providence, he was ever ready to relate some anecdote (and his mind was stored with them) which, while it would interest and instruct the hearers, would impress them with his own convictions of an unseen hand, in all events that transpire.

When, therefore, we consider his noble and commanding presence, his agreeable manners, his ready utterance, his musical voice, and his rich and varied conversation, by which both the mind and heart might be made better, we may justly denominate him the truly "Christian Gentleman."

Reference has been made to the influence of Mr. Cooke in forming the character of the town. I think, ladies and Gentlemen, that all who were acquainted with the facts will agree with me, that *that* influence was by no means inconsiderable. He was the third pastor of the Congregational Church, and commenced his labors, in circumstances, which rendered it easy, with a Divine blessing, to mould the moral elements into a desirable state. He was ordained September 7, 1814. The services were held in the open air, attended by a very large concourse of people. His pastorate continued between fourteen and fifteen years. He enjoyed the affection and confidence of his

people in a high degree, as was evident from the large numbers who attended upon his ministry. They were pre-eminently a church-going people. From every direction on Sabbath morning, might be seen men, women and children, wending their way to the house of God, and it was full! There they were, old and young, devoutly listening to the words of life, as they fell from the lips of the man of God. Thus, year after year, did he impart to them, lessons of heavenly wisdom, which in many cases were treasured in good and honest hearts, and who can estimate the influence of those lessons in forming the character of the people?

But the influence of Mr. Cooke was not confined to the pulpit. He was the faithful and devoted pastor, as well as the able and instructive preacher. The families that constituted his charges were often favored with his presence, and he was never an unwelcome visitor. He knew how to adapt his counsels and instructions to the different circumstances of those whom he met. The aged and the young, the rich and the poor, the sorrowful and the joyful—all alike shared his sympathies, his kind wishes and his prayers, and he left behind him an influence for good, on all who were disposed rightly to improve it. Nor was the influence of Mr. Cooke confined to his own immediate parish. It was felt through the surrounding towns and through the State, so that to the name of Rev. Mr. Cooke of Acworth, was attached an idea of respectability and usefulness in the cause of religion which the names of comparatively few carry with them. On all public religious occasions, his presence was always greeted with pleasure, and he wielded a power hardly second to any one else. It is an honor to the town that such a man once lived and moved among the people.

Leaving Acworth in 1829, he was installed over the church and society in Lebanon, N. H. After a successful pastorate of nineteen years, he was dismissed and removed to Amherst, Mass., to spend his last days. Here, however, he was not idle. He continued to preach as occasion required, and labored in various other ways, to serve his Lord and Master. His death took place in Amherst, April 28, 1853, in his seventy-second year. During his sickness, he was entirely resigned to the will of his heavenly Father; and the same religion, which, for so many years, he had urged upon others, was his solace and comfort in the departing hour.

Permit me to add, amid all the scenes through which he passed after leaving Acworth, he could not forget the people of his early espousals. He cherished them in an affectionate and grateful remembrance, and one of his last requests was, that his remains might be conveyed to Acworth and find their resting-place, among his former friends and parishioners. His request was complied with, and the noble monument, reared by the hands of affection and friendship, marks the spot where his ashes will sleep till the glorious morning of the resurrection. With emotions unutterable, have I stood at the head of that grave and called to mind the virtues of the man who slumbers there.

And though dead, he yet speaks. He speaks in the bright example he set, still fresh in the minds of some who hear me, in the cherished remembrances of him which we are permitted to recall this day, and in the wide influence he exerted, which ceases not to be felt for good, in respect to the intelligence, the morals and the religion of this town. He speaks to the aged, to the middle aged, and the young, to the vast crowd assembled here, and admonishes all to do with their might, what their hands find to do, serving God and their generation faithfully, that they may be prepared for the great exchange so near at hand.

The following ode was then sung by the choir and audience :

O D E .

TUNE.—*America.*

Our father's God ! We raise  
To Him a song of praise ;  
Our tribute bring.  
A hundred years doth prove,  
By mercies from above  
The wisdom and the love  
Of God our King.

Remembrance loves to dwell  
On light and shade, which fell  
On hopes and fears.  
The storied past we trace,  
Search records old apace,  
In mem'ry's glass we gaze  
Through by-gone years.

The mem'ry of our sires,  
Lit by affections' fires,  
How bright it glows !  
Men of a sterling mould,  
Outweighing all the gold,  
In fairy tales e'er told  
To soothe our woes.

Our dear old town ! How grand  
The views of mountain land,  
Which here we meet.  
We love these rugged hills,  
These vales our fathers tilled,  
These woods the wild birds filled  
With carols sweet.

Here, we were taught His Name,  
And why a Saviour came





Noah B. Cummings.



Peace, joy to bring.  
 Here, at the eventide,  
 And by a mother's side  
 Lessons, we've learned, which bide  
 Beyond life's spring.

Our native town! How dear  
 Each purling brook so clear,  
 Each dale and steep.  
 But there's a dearer spot,  
 Than rock, or rill, or cot,  
 Which ne'er can be forgot—  
 Where loved ones sleep.

The dead! Our buried dead!  
 Within their em'rald bed  
 Unmoved they lie.  
 Loved forms, we've oft caressed,  
 Dear ones, who gave life zest,  
 Life's labors o'er—they rest.  
 Unconsciously.

And when *our* spirits wait,  
 Before the pearly gates,  
 (No joy like this—)  
 May each this plaudit hear;  
 Servant well done. Nor tear,  
 Nor sin, nor parting here—  
 But endless bliss.

The following sentiment was responded to by Dr. A. R. Cummings of Claremont:

*"Our Native Physicians*—Partaking of the nature of their ancestors, success has crowned their efforts."

*Mr. President and Fellow-Citizens*:—I am one of the favored seventeen physicians who drew their first inspiration *from* the hills and dales of this our native town.

Dr. Theophilus Wilson, one of your distinguished sons, eminent in his profession, settled at Cazenovia, N. Y.; there he died, and was buried in his adopted town.

He was succeeded by Dr. Jonathan Silsby, also a native of Acworth. He was a ripe scholar. He also died at Cazenovia.

Dr. John Hemphill, son of Joseph Hemphill, is now living on the banks of the Ohio River.

Dr. William Grout, son of William Grout, is now an active practitioner in Loraine County, Ohio. He had the largest practice in the county in 1850; is an eminent citizen and an active Christian man.

Dr. Milton Parker resides in Chicago, Ill. He was the first man in Sullivan County that diagnosed diseases of the chest by auscultation and percussion. He is a man of wealth, and is an eminent surgeon in Chicago.

Dr. Nedom L. Angier of Atlanta, Ga., has been a successful practitioner in his adopted State, has accumulated a large fortune, and is well known throughout the South as a politician and an active business man.

Dr. Joseph Woodbury, son of Joseph Woodbury, is a practicing physician in Georgia.

Drs. James Wilson, Joel Angier, Isaac Gates, Phinehas Cooke and Osborne Brown, I do not know their personal history.

Dr. Hiram Clark, son of Capt. Robert Clark, died in Kansas. He was a scholar, and very much of a gentleman.

Dr. Milton P. Hayward is an active practitioner in Oberlin, Ohio.

Last, but not by any means least, we have our two army surgeons. Dr. N. Grout Brooks, son of Dr. Lyman Brooks, who enlisted as surgeon in the Sixteenth Vermont Regiment. He served his country in her hour of peril, in her hospitals and on the tented fields to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers. Dr. Sylvester Campbell, son of Horace Campbell, enlisted as surgeon in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment. He died in a military hospital in Louisiana, a triumphant Christian death, and we have no doubt he is now praising God, with all the heavenly hosts. He was called the "good physician." His remains were brought to Acworth, and now lie mouldering in your cemetery.

Fathers and mothers, with palpitating hearts, you call these your *sons*, and well do they deserve the name, for they took their lives in their hands and went forth from your "Granite Hills" to relieve suffering humanity, and well have they fulfilled their mission.

These, your sons, are known on the shores of the Great Northern Lakes, and at the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains. These are some of the brightest stars in the medical profession. Their efforts have been crowned with success, they have gained for themselves lasting glory.

The next sentiment was responded to by Rev. George Cooke of Winchester, Mass.:

*"The Sons and Daughters of Acworth—*They do honor to every profession, manifest skill in every trade, add grace to the home-circle, and are to be found in every section of our country."

*Mr. President:*—Called upon to respond to a sentiment so complimentary to the sons and daughters of Acworth, it would be very grateful to me to refer to chapter and page, bearing records of their history, or, at least, through intimate personal acquaintance, to be able to trace individuals, from their birth and childhood, amid these beautiful hills, through the school, the col-

lege, the profession or the workshop, the business house, or that grandest, purest, safest, best of all occupations, the ploughing, sowing, reaping work, which is nearest to nature, and truest to her unadulterated nobility. Nothing could be more grateful to one, intelligent in this history, appreciative of the toils, the waitings, and the conquests of worthy action, and sympathetic in the details of personal progress, than to dwell at least upon the salient points in the lives of these "honorable," "skillful" and "graceful" sons and daughters of our native town.

Personally only an adopted son, and having passed here but the brief portion of my childhood, between the ages of three and sixteen, I am grateful for the honor of an invitation to speak at all, among my betters, at this family meeting. This adoption derives significance, however, from the fact of my father's relations to this community during the period of its development into one of the most substantial and prosperous towns in this Commonwealth. Many here to-day will unite with me in the reflection, that no one would have entered into the festivities and reminiscences of this occasion (could he have lived to see it) more heartily, tenderly, joyously, yet devoutly, than my own revered father.

With inspiration from this reflection, I cannot feel that I am out of place or that I have nothing to say, while permitted to stand among you, recognized as a son of Acworth. . . . When De Quincy had attained his high literary reputation, a friend requested of him a few of the facts of his early history, briefly and chronologically stated. The substance of his reply was that the world were chiefly concerned with *what* he became, and it mattered little that the inevitable facts of birth, nursery and school-life, of the robbery of orchards, and the catalogue of common incidents usually summoned to explain *how* he became a man, should all be assumed, taken for granted, and omitted from history as simply impertinent. And that it might be further assumed that the race of youngsters might be divided into two grand classes, those who would *aspire* to be hanged, and those who would content themselves with *deserving* to be.

Such a sentiment may seem shockingly out of harmony with a centennial celebration, yet something is suggested, which partially reduces the crisp and saucy language of De Quincy. We are not so dependent, as we may sometimes think, upon the details of personal history in the measurement of character and its origin. Who needs the diary of the life of an oak? or even to wait until the woodman's axe has revealed the rings which mark its annual progress from the acorn to maturity. The first leaf must have been that of an oak; the branch must have been true to its origin; the sturdy trunk and broad spreading top, occasionally seen, even if at intervals of many years, inform us fully of the character of the tree and the nature of the soil which could have produced it. The lilies of the meadow, similarly proclaim the fitness of their birth and culture, the fidelity to nature's laws, which has perfected and glorified their beauty.

The elements of muscle and character found on such high, round and fer-

tile hills, interlaced with silver streams, enameled with nature's purest emerald, where the school and the church are worked with the industry and fidelity required of the plough and the hoe,—where the family altar sanctifies the heavenly-appointed domestic relations,—where the deep things of nature and of religion possess the intellect and the heart, all-invigorating, chastening, quickening, ennobling powers,—on such a field, with such adjutants, the elements of physical and moral manhood *must* thrive.

It is a bounty of nature and Providence to be born upon ground like this, here to be brought into struggles, even it may be, for food and clothing,—here to be buffeted by physical hardships, bent and swayed by strong winds,—here to do battle with the *real*, long before the seductive incomings of the ideals of the more frivolous fashionable life can color the fountains of thought and wholesome passion. . . . It is a blessing which many a son and daughter of Acworth, in distant fields, has learned gratefully to recognize, to have had their lives anchored here.

The sentiment which the committee have prepared for us, requires us to indulge in a little self-adulation, as the sons and daughters, who have (in the text) so honored their home. Hence we are fairly entitled to say, this, our birthplace, is the home of the oak, a little rough and shaggy in its dress, but having—what a trunk! What strong arms! What might and majesty of character! This, too, is the home of the fresh, cool, trim, symmetrical beech, a tree to wear modestly the most exquisitely fashioned and delicately tinted foliage in early summer, and to stand its ground, in easy defiance of all the blasts of winter. Of the maple, and whether it be hard or soft, tall or short, with fibres straight and of milky whiteness, or curled and twisted into fantastic figures, with the hues of an angry hardihood, still yields inexhaustible stores of sweetness and beauty, ever dispensing consolations and gathering glories unrivaled to its final coronation. Nor must we forget that it is also the home of the pliant, tough, magisterial birch, which stands in convenient proximity to our school houses, to remind us of lessons necessary to the grand dignities of life, and to suggest better than patented medicine, for all vices and rebellions.

It is only such hard woods as these that can combine strength and beauty of finish. In character the material must be first of all, of sufficient firmness, sound at the heart, and built up with no loose or soft integument, in order that the friction of contact with strong men, the sand-paper chafing of jealous rivals, the steel-burnishing of social criticism, and the final, most delicate touches of art and grace may bring out a substantial, pure, brilliant, perfect man or woman. Why, then, should not the starting point be such ground as this?

Fifty years ago, when my father had trained me to "speak a piece," he selected for that purpose these lines of Pope commencing,

"'Tis from high life, high characters are drawn,

. A saint in crape, is twice a saint in lawn."

He brought me forward at the school visitations, to speak the piece, perhaps as an example of a boy's duty in the matter of school declamation. On one occasion at the school-house on Derry Hill, I had among my auditors Captain Dickey, whose massive, astute Scotch character is still remembered well among us, and after my boyish spouting, he called me to him, laid his broad hand upon my head, and with a voice so grand and impressive that it still rings in my ears, said, "Me little mon! d'ye understand what you've spoken?" My feeble response was, "yes sir." "And d'ye believe it?" "I don't know sir"—"Don't ye know it's a lie"? I was too much frightened to answer and he continued with an energy of utterance few men ever equalled, "My mon, never d'ye believe ony nonsense the like o' that little speech! I tell ye a mon's a mon wherever ye find him."

The following song composed by Mrs. M. L. Silsby Johnson, was now sung by the choir.

#### OUR ACWORTH HOME.

TUNE—*Brattlestreet.*

Amid New Hampshire's thousand hills—  
Which stud its surface o'er;  
That ope their hearts to crystal rills,  
And bend to lakelet shore—  
Encradled safe, by rocks, and trees,  
O'erspread with splendent dome;  
Refreshed and charmed with purest breeze—  
Is our Dear Acworth Home.

Bright are its snows, as moonlight beams,  
When met by sunrise sheen;  
Its verdure now, in beauty seems,  
As part of Eden's green.  
And some who rest in battle mound,  
And 'neath the light sea-foam;  
Their last heart-yearnings centered round  
This Pleasant Acworth Home.

Its hills are set with beryl bright,  
A royal hall would grace;  
And crystals clear as limped light,  
Just touched with golden trace.  
To gems that crown a monarch's head,  
Our eyes will careless roam;  
With loyal hearts, we prouder tread  
Our Jeweled Acworth Home.

The dew falls here, in tears at eve,  
On graves of those we love;  
And we, who at their stillness grieve,  
Keep watch and ward above.

Now they look down through starry eyes,  
On all the paths we come,  
And know, how near to Heaven now lies  
Their Olden Acworth Home.

The sentiment, "*Sons of Acworth—Graduates of Dartmouth and other Colleges*," was responded to by Prof. Hiram Orcutt, Principal of Tilden Female Seminary, West Lebanon, N. H.:

*Mr. President:*—I speak in behalf of comparatively few of the sons of Acworth. Of all who have been born during these hundred years, less than thirty have graduated from any of our colleges. In point of numbers, therefore, we are an unimportant class. But I would not speak of ourselves, but in defence of the college, against the prejudice which is met in almost every community, and is a source of discouragement to those, who would pursue a liberal course of study.

"The college," it is said, "is an aristocratic institution, and those who resort to it are 'too indolent to work.'" No criticism was ever more false or unjust. Indolence finds no rest or comfort within college walls. If, "too lazy to work," the young man would seek any other course of life, rather than come under the severe discipline, and endure the exhausting labor which the college imposes and demands."

And there is no institution in the nation, whose influence reaches and blesses so many families and individuals as the American College. This beneficial influence is brought to bear directly upon the people, through the learned professions. The college creates and sustains the professions of *Law, Medicine, Teaching* and the *Gospel Ministry*. Hence all the benefits resulting from the professional and personal labors of these educated men, flow directly from the college.

Again, the college is the source of all the lower grades of schools. Common schools, never have, never will and never can flourish, without the college. Our fathers *first* planted the college and *afterwards* public schools. The latter flowed from the former, as streams from the fountain. This elevating influence always descends from the higher to the lower, never ascends from the lower to the higher. The profounder learning of the college, gives tone and sentiment to the public mind, and nourishes and sustains popular education among the masses. The college matures and develops the science which is learned in our elementary schools, and educates, directly or indirectly, all our teachers, and authors in every department of learning. The "Elementary Spelling Book" for instance, requires all the discipline and knowledge the college can impart, to compose and adapt it to its use.

An English periodical once spoke of Daniel Webster, as the great American statesman and the author of "Webster's Dictionary." Mr. Webster in referring to the blunder soon afterwards, sportively remarked, "I the author of Webster's Dictionary! Why, I could not have made Webster's



*Hiram Orcutt.*





Spelling Book." And this was true, as he had not devoted himself to this department of learning. And yet millions of our countrymen have obtained the first elements of their education from this single book. And the maps and charts in daily use in our common schools could not be made by one in a thousand of all our public teachers. They require the highest mathematical knowledge and skill for their construction. And hence it is true, that the college produces and sustains our Common Schools, Academies and Seminaries. They would not have existed, and could not long be sustained without the college.

Then it must follow that all our sons, and daughters are college educated. This higher Institution has allured them forward, and helped them onward. It is the fountain whose streams irrigate and fertilize the whole community.

Some of your sons have followed up the stream only to the common school. Others have stopped at the Academy, and still others have gone further, and drank at the college spring, and whatever the amount of learning they have obtained, either from school or from books, it is a collegiate education. And it is frequently true that "self-made men," (indeed every man is self-made who is made at all,) who have never entered college, receive from it more benefit than others, who have enjoyed all its advantages. We are then indebted to the college indirectly, for all that pertains to our Christian civilization.

Shall we reject the ocean because we are not engaged in navigation, or because we cannot fill our dish directly from the sea? Shall we be satisfied with the rain that distills so gently upon the fields, and the spring that gushes from the hill-side? These daily supply our wants, but whence comes the water which falls from the clouds, and supplies the springs and streams, so necessary for the comfort and existence of man? Without the *ocean* we could have no rain, no springs, no rills, no rivulets, no rivers. And so the college. Dry up this fountain, and the streams of knowledge would soon be dry also. Our public schools would be closed, instruction would cease, and ere long our civilization would give place to semi-barbarism.

Shall we blot out the sun from the Heavens, because we enjoy but little of its direct light, and influence? We may be satisfied with twilight and moonshine, the mere refractions and reflections of the glorious luminary of day. But the sun is the source of all light. Extinguish that and total darkness would ensue. So of the college, as the source of moral and intellectual light. Destroy this luminary and the darkness of ignorance, superstition, and barbarism would in time cover the nation as a black mantle.

And still again, the farmer and mechanic are dependent upon the college for the science of their arts. The implements and tools in common use, could never have been constructed, without the aid of a high degree of scientific knowledge. Mere skill and experience could never make the modern plow, or axe. What improvements during the last hundred years! The man, who should be found using the plow of fifty years ago, would be re-

garded as almost a barbarian. Compare the axe of to-day with the stone hatchet of the North American Indian. No living white man could make that stone hatchet. It was the highest reach of human skill unaided by science.

And even the arts, which science has already invented would die out without the continued aid of the college. The Pyramids and Temples of Egypt have survived the science and skill which erected them. And China, where science was cultivated ages ago, has made no progress in the arts since science died out. All improvement is at a stand still, as a natural consequence. "Science is the fountain of art; experience and skill are its channels." Dry up the fountain and the channels will no longer be filled.

Judge ye, therefore, whether your sons who have pursued a collegiate and professional course of life, are worthy of their noble parentage, and have done honor or dishonor to their native town.

The next sentiment, was responded to by George R. Brown, Esq., of Newport, and was as follows:

*"Our Common Schools*—A noble legacy, bequeathed to us by our ancestors. To their success, has the town been much indebted for its prosperity. May it be their good fortune to continue to grow in excellence, till none but model ones are to be found to bless our native town."

*Mr. President*:—I have a mind to make the most popular speech of the day, that is, say nothing, but since the occasion is one of a hundred years, and the sentiment tendered me is one of much gravity, I will waive the greatest brevity, Shakespeare's "soul of wit," and claim your indulgence a few moments. Not having time, to elaborate upon the good and ill, the merit and demerit attending our schools, I must proceed to the point at once.

Our common schools! what are they? Institutions established by law for the education of our youth. That our system of common schools was transmitted to us by our ancestors, we are happy to acknowledge, that in our schools we all received instruction in the rudiments of learning, is a fact we each can testify from experience.

The present improved state of society is the legitimate effects of some powerful salutary cause; and that cause is principally our common schools. Public prosperity, private happiness, the price of liberty, the security of life and prosperity and the social condition, in a free country like ours, depend chiefly upon the intelligence of the people. The truth of this proposition is so evident, that no process of reasoning or demonstration can make it plainer; therefore, it is an axiom, and established principle in the art of all good governments. Where do the *people* receive the principal and most difficult part of their learning? History answers "at the common schools." "They are the college of the masses." Our academies, and institutions dedicated to the use of students acquiring a knowledge of the languages and sciences, are the exception, and comparatively few attend them. Could they flourish

as they now do, without the aid of our schools? Are they more important? and do they do more for education?

In our highest institutions four years complete a course; in our academies three years; while a course in our common schools involves many years of hard study and patient drilling. Without the one, the others, as now conducted, would be of no value whatever, for it is impossible in ascending the "Hill of Science," to leap upon some towering cliff at a single bound; the ascent must be slow and gradual. The pupil goes to school, at first unlettered. He is a mass of mind and matter united—the material or block from which the intelligent man is to be hewn. The form is wanting, but the teacher, like the sculptor plying his chisel faithfully, carves that form, a *living statue*, the figure of a *man*, clad in the costly habiliments of learning. Though well clad, he is not yet robed in the gold embroidered, royal purple, for our colleges claim only to weave the texture whereon the ornaments are wrought, in other words, claim only to help the student to make a good preparation to educate himself.

In literature there is a maxim, often quoted to encourage scholars, that the "beginning is half the work." Admitting this truth, our common schools, being the beginning, are equal in importance to the academies and colleges, where one is fortunate enough to receive the benefit of all. But to the millions who receive no advantages additional to those afforded by our common schools, the benefit is incomparable. Wheresoever persons migrating from these wind swept hills have located, they are the "bone and muscle of society." Educated, by the discipline of our schools, with their native genius and their characteristic resolute will, they are enabled to take a leading part in any community. Then, hail to our common schools. Let us echo the sentiment in thunder tones throughout the town, "may it be their good future to continue to grow in excellence, till none but *model ones* are to be found."

The following sentiment was responded to by Thomas Clark, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifty-Seventh Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, but a report of his remarks has not been received by the compiler:

"*The Soldiers of the Late War*—For the honor of the Nation, the supremacy of the Constitution, and the integrity of the Union, they left their quiet homes, endured the privations of the camp, and with heroic courage laid down their lives. May the flag they fought to save, forever float with ne'er a star obliterated from its folds."

The following "Parting Invocation," composed by Mrs. M. L. Silsby Johnson, was now sung:

#### PARTING INVOCATION.

TUNE—"Old Hundred."

Lead us O Lord; Thou art Divine:  
Lead us who bear the kindred sign,

Which gathers us with joy to trace  
Thy blessings on our native place.

Lead us to homes of earthly love ;  
Lead us, to that best home above,  
Where centuries bear each kindred throng,  
To celebrate Thy praise in song.

“ Praise God from whom all blessings flow ;  
Praise him all creatures here below ;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host ;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

The exercises at the table were interspersed, and closed with music by the bands in attendance. The sun which had hid his face through the day, now looked out pleasantly upon the departing multitude.

---

Several sentiments were not responded to for want of time, but the “responses” have been sent in, by request, for publication.

*“The Native Dentists*—Pre-eminent in this profession, they have taken away many of the aches of decaying nature, and added beauty to the human face.”

Dr. E. G. Cummings of Concord, has responded to this sentiment as follows:

*Mr. President and Friends*:—It is a source of great satisfaction and pleasure to me, to meet so many of my old acquaintances and friends here to-day, and as I look upon their smiling faces, my mind reverts to the time when the cares, struggles and issues of human life were unknown to many of us. It must be gratifying indeed to the people of Acworth to meet so many of her sons and daughters, who have come from the East and the West, the North and the South, to congratulate them upon this occasion.

I am proud to stand here to-day upon the soil of my native town, a representative of that great profession, which but a few years ago was weak and small, but now has become mighty and strong among the professions of the land. I think Acworth has given more of her sons to the dental profession than any other town in the State, and I know she gave the first student to a Dental College from the State of New Hampshire.

Six sons of Acworth have given themselves to this profession, viz: D. A. Cummings, Horace Parker, W. Milton Smith, John Dickey and Erskine Dickey. It is not necessary for me to speak of them individually, as time will not permit, but they have all been successful in their profession, and I am proud to say they have honored their native town.

I should not feel that I had fulfilled my duty at this time, if I did not say one word to the memory of one of our number, who has left this world of



*Eben G. Cummings*



trial and care. I refer to Dr. John Dickey, son of T. M. Dickey. He studied his profession in New York city; was a young man whom we looked upon as eminently fitted for the profession which he had chosen. His disposition was mild and genial, and he was endowed with great mechanical powers, and we doubt not that, had he lived, he would have ranked high in his profession. But God "who seeth not as man seeth," hath taken him to his resting-place.

Mr. President, you say we have removed many of the aches and pains of decaying nature, and have added beauty and symmetry to the human face. We claim that we have done all this, and even more. We have hid from view that organ within the oral cavity, which, in a toothless mouth, looks more like a toad striving to relieve himself from the jaws of an enemy.

By the aid of dentures and other appliances, we have also prevented in the mouth of many an old maid and old bachelor, many a collision of the under jaw with the proboscis, which might have created serious disturbances in their lonely life.

Rev. Hiram Houston of Deer Island, Maine, responded as follows to this sentiment:

*"The several Churches and Religious Societies of Acworth—*Beacon lights on the ocean of life; they cheer the weary pilgrim on life's troubled sea, and guide him to the harbor of rest."

*Mr. President:—*I suppose it is the purpose of every church and religious society to do all it can to relieve the sorrows of this life, and as much as possible to prepare man for a better life in the world to come. This being the case, every church and religious society occupies an important place in the history of towns and communities. Not less in Acworth than in other places. For a hundred years, pilgrims in their journey to another world, have been cheered on by the Christian hope. The early settlers of the town knew that the preached Gospel, sustained by religious societies, was the grand instrument in the needed work of preparing men for the better world. And that all might enjoy this means of grace, they laid the foundation of the church at the center of the town. No sandy foundation here. The winds and the floods beat upon the house, yet still it stands on its lofty eminence. Many weary travelers to the Celestial City have turned their steps to this hill of Zion. They have found it good to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," and then they have gone on their way rejoicing until they entered the pearly gates, and mingled in the songs of angel minstrels.

Though this central church has been the principal beacon light, and has done good service in guiding multitudes to the haven of rest, and the watchmen on the walls have been faithful men, yet some of the pilgrims who passed this way, thought it advisable to pass through deep waters, in order to

obey the Divine command. This new light shone for awhile on the hill, and blessed many who might otherwise have made shipwreck of their faith. But the troubled waters and a clear conscience before God helped them on their way. And now, like John the Baptist, they are doing their good work by the river side, because there is much water there.

Another beacon light shone for awhile on the hill beside the old one, and for a time it was thought the new light would eclipse the old one and render it useless. Its fires were kindled with great zeal, and many pilgrims warmed themselves by this fire, and felt new life kindled in their desponding hearts. Then they shouted for joy because they felt sure they were on their journey home.

But the old light had been shining too long to be easily eclipsed by a new one, and as the great mass of pilgrims looked at the old light, and felt safe in steering by that, the new light was removed to a more favorable locality in the valley, where the Wesleys could sing and pray with none to molest or make them afraid.

What could old Aeworth do without these lights? No light on the hill! Would not weary pilgrims stumble upon the dark mountains? No light in the valley! Would not Apollyon be the terror of all who should pass that way? There is enough of sin and wickedness, where the best churches are found. What then must be the condition of that community where no light comes to the people through the word of God, none through religious societies.

Had no Sabbath bells been heard over these hills and through these valleys during the past hundred years, and had no people observed the weekly Sabbath, as returns this holy day, it would require no prophet to tell of shipwrecks, where all on board perished, because no beacon light revealed to them their danger and their peril. But when the members of these churches, who are the light of the world, let their light shine, then the voyagers upon the sea of life, will have no excuse if they fail of entering the harbor of rest. For forty years I have watched these pilgrims toiling up Zion's hill. The youthful and the aged alike finding sweet peace as they neared the land of rest. Their conquest, their victory, and their triumph came through Him who is the Light of the world. So when these pilgrims have passed out of our sight, we have said, "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."

But no such blessedness, and peace, have I known, where persons have despised the church, and neglected the ordinances of religion.

A hundred years hence, and many more pilgrims will have passed this way. Who shall give them light on their journey? Shall not these churches stand as beacon lights, when the fathers and mothers and the children, now on the stage, shall all have passed away? Then "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."





*Yours truly*  
*J. C. Houston.*



The next sentiment was responded to by J. Davis of Hancock, New Hampshire :

*"The Farmers of Acworth, Resident and Abroad*—Their herds and flocks manifest their kindness and skill; their well cultivated fields and full granaries, their industry; their greenbacks and bank stock, their economy; their open doors, their hospitality; and their maple sugar, their excellent good taste."

*Mr. President*.:—In responding to the sentiment just announced, there is nothing that gives me more pleasure than to speak of this class of men, whether resident or abroad, who have acted their part so nobly in the discharge of their duties in cultivating and tilling the soil.

No class of people on the face of the earth are more independent than the farmers of this goodly town. They know their support depends upon their strict economy and persevering industry, upon the cultivation of their broad and fertile fields, warmed by the refulgent and genial sun, nourished by the gentle showers of rain, and upon the flocks and herds that graze upon your hills. No town stands higher than this in raising fine horses, cattle and sheep, of which the sons, who are residents in the old homesteads of their fathers, may justly feel proud. You manifest your kindness and skill in the management and protection of your flocks and herds, in constructing warm and convenient buildings to protect them from the cold and bleak winds of a New England winter. You derive an income from your flocks as well as from your bank stock and greenbacks, which you have secured by the prudent hand of toil and by strict economy.

These beautiful hills and gentle slopes yield their grain and fruit to the industrious hand of labor, and fill granaries as a reward for your patient industry.

The early teachings of your fathers were not in vain, and the influence which they exerted on the youthful character, was propitious and salutary. It was felt and realized in every community throughout Christendom, where they lived.

The seeds of morality, kindness, benevolence and industry were implanted in the youthful mind ere they left the parental roof, by the teachings of a kind and affectionate parent. Those who have left their native soil, and have gone to the far West, or settled in some of the more enterprising and flourishing towns of New England which gave greater scope to their energies and a wider field for their enterprise, or easier facilities for the discharge of Agricultural or mechanical pursuits, have not forgotten the instruction they received in their early days, that industry and economy give *peace* and *happiness* to the mind, *health* to the body and *greenbacks* to the pocket.

All useful pursuits are noble and ennobling, but if any distinction is to be made, *that* is most dignified which is most useful.

For this, and many other reasons, agriculture has been placed at the head of all employments. It is the foundation on which all other pursuits rest, and without it they could not stand a day. The whole human family are

dependent upon the toil and industry of the husbandman for their sustenance. The rich and the poor, the high and the low, the beasts that roam over your hills, as well as the insect that crawls at your feet, all must draw their support from Mother Earth.

The cultivation of the earth brings us into closer communion with nature and her operations than any other employment. It was the employment of our first parents, who were placed by the hand of their Creator in the garden of Eden, to dress it and keep it. It has ever been, still is, and must ever be the employment of multitudes of the human race.

Aside from the labor of your farms, but intimately connected with it, is the manufacture of maple sugar, which is a laborious and fatiguing task, but the purity and good quality of your sugar, showing that in its production you have manifested skill and ingenuity, repays you for your hard work.

You, who have remained upon your native soil, are generally more prosperous, better contented and happier than those who have led a more adventurous life. Still, there are some who have gone to other climes, who have been fortunate and successful in accumulating a large amount of this world's goods, by persevering industry and a close application to their business, but after all they do not possess that spirit of independence which characterizes the lords of the soil. It is upon the yeomanry of a land that the wealth and prosperity of a nation depends. It is this that has made your goodly town to prosper and become what it now is. It has built your churches and school-houses, the recipients of your fostering care. It converted the wilderness into fruitful fields, and made them to bud and blossom like the rose. It built your houses that stand by the way-side and in your villages, where you now dwell, enjoying all the comforts which nature and your own industry has given you, for your prosperity and happiness. You realize it, you feel joy and thankfulness that a kind Providence has showered these blessings upon you. Your generosity speaks of your kind hearts. Your hospitable mansions, whose doors are ever open to the poor and needy as well as to the stranger, are an index to your charity and benevolence.

Mr. President, the sons and daughters of the resident farmers, who left these beautiful fields and green hills and fertile valleys, where once they sported in all the innocence of childhood, have now come home,—home did I say; how sweet the sound! how dear to the heart of those, who have enjoyed its sweet influence! have come to join in the celebration of the anniversary of Acworth, to spend a short time in fraternal salutations—in happy greetings—in pleasant and cheerful intercourse—to recall innocent sports, and delightful scenes—to revive old friendships, and meet old friends—to inquire after each other's welfare and how it has fared with us during the many years of our separation—what successes and reverses, what lights and shadows have checkered our lives.

But, sir, the man who stands upon his own native soil, who feels that by the laws of the land, by the laws of civilized nations, he is the rightful and





*Lyman Briggs*

exclusive owner of the land he tills, is by the constitution of his nature, under a wholesome influence, not easily imbibed from any other source. He feels, other things being equal, more strongly than another the position of man, as the lord of an inanimate world,—of this great and wonderful sphere, which, fashioned by the hand of God, and upheld by his power, is rolling through the heavens, a part of his, from the center to the sky.

Perchance his farm has come down to him from his fathers, but time, in his silent and noiseless tread, has completed his work, and they have gone to their final repose, but he can trace their footsteps as he pursues his daily labor. Perhaps the very roof which shelters him was reared by those to whom he owes his being—some interesting tradition is generally connected with every enclosure. The favorite fruit-tree planted by his father's hand—the brook which winds through the meadow giving beauty and verdure to its fertile banks, where he sported in childhood, where lay the path to the village in earlier days. He still hears the sound of the church-going bell, from the window, which called his father to the house of God, and, near at hand, is the spot where his parents are laid down to their final rest, and where, when his time shall come, he will be laid beside them. These are some of the feelings of the owners of their native soil. Language cannot paint them—they flow from the deepest fountains of the heart—they are the life springs of a fresh, healthy and generous national character.

The next sentiment, "*To the memory of the late Dr. Lyman Brooks,*" was responded to by E. P. Breed, Esq., of New York City:

*Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:*—While this day so long expected is made the season of festivity, it, of necessity, calls us to review, with more or less of satisfaction, the record of the past.

This vast throng of men and women and children coming together to-day for the revival of old associations and the interchange of friendly greetings, reminds us that in the bosoms of the sons and daughters of Aeworth there still fondly lingers a filial love for their early Eastern homes.

Since first the sound of the settler's axe was heard in the grand, old forests which crowned these now cultivated hills—since first the pale face pitched his habitation on this frontier where now repose the emblems of civilization, the grave has gathered within its icy arms more than three generations of men.

Meet it is that to-day—and to-day of all days—we strew the colorless flowers of our love over their graves. Meet it is that to-day we offer to the memory of their virtues the tribute of our respect and affection—that to-day we recall the history of their devotion to humanity and religion, their fidelity to the fundamental principles whereon is built the structure of liberal government, whereon repose the solid walls of the Temple of God.

From the charnel-house they speak to us and bid us imitate the excellencies of their lives; bid us revere them as sturdy laborers for the good of mankind.

In yonder burying-ground stand the sculptured monuments which tell us their brief history—they were born—they died. And if we search among these mementos of the departed, we shall find few whose memory is more worthy of our regard than that of him who is so fitly recalled to our recollection by the sentiment to which I now respond.

Lyman Brooks was born in the neighboring town of Alstead, where he remained until he was eleven years of age when his father removed to Vermont, to a farm in the County of Caledonia, the name of which is a kindly memento of that land of mountain and lake, of battle and of song, to which many of you with just pride trace your origin. Partaking of the common lot of the sons of New England, he labored on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age; and afterwards during the intervals of study gained the means of his support and education. He pursued his professional studies with Dr. Dewey of Lancaster, and Dr. Adams of Keene, and in the year 1821, at the age of twenty-four years, he graduated at the Medical School of Dartmouth College.

The first two years of his professional life—years of trial to the physician—were passed in the adjoining town of Marlow, and in the year 1823 he removed to this town, where, with eminent success, he practiced his profession until his decease in May, 1865.

In the life of a physician, whose practice is among the inhabitants of a rural district, there is usually little to attract the attention of the historian or the eulogist. He is not called to address listening Senates, nor may he engage in the strifes of the business mart. The very nature of his intercourse with his fellow-men shuts out of view his words and his deeds.

The confidential adviser in regard to the ills of those who require his services, he may not proclaim his acts in the ears of a curious community; he quietly passes from house to house, from bedside to bedside, the minister of healing to the suffering and the bearer of comfort to the sorrowing. He listens to the griefs of his anxious fellows and scatters, if it may be, the afflictions that smother their hearts. In the heat of your midsummer, in the fierce, way-blocking storms of your winter, the doctor's daily round must be made—nay, he must make the "night joint laborer with the day," and, as the suffering children of men know no Sabbath of rest from their pain, so he knows not the repose which men of other pursuits enjoy. To the alleviation of human suffering he has made a solemn dedication of the energies of his life, and he must not forget his vows. But while there is little opportunity for physical comfort, there is ample room and verge enough for that peaceful satisfaction which the consciousness of faithful service must ever produce. It will not require an effort of your fancy to present before the minds of many of you the constant, unwearying labors of Dr. Brooks for nearly half of that century the completion of which you so appropriately celebrate to-day. Many of you will remember how earnestly you watched the expression of his face, as he stood by the bedside of various members of your families and gave



you words of cheer—told you by the kindling eye, even before his gentle, sympathizing voice was heard, that the crisis was passed—that the skill of healing had prevailed, and that your loved ones would yet be restored to health: or, it may be, (for it is written “All men must die,”) your worst fears assumed the form of fact and he found no word or hope to whisper in your ear, but rather, that the summons hence must be obeyed—told you in few and kindly words that the mortal must put on immortality—that you must prepare to see your dear one pass

“beneath the low green tent  
Whose curtain never outward swings.”

From many a scene like this the faithful physician must depart; the privacy of domestic grief may not be disturbed by one even so confidential as the family physician. He may take your hand in the warm grasp of friendship—he may say to you “good-bye” and but little more, he turns his face from you and is gone.

The breaking heart must rest—must find for itself that healing which cometh not from human agency—must, in its loneliness, look to that fountain of pure beneficence which faileth not. I should do injustice to the subject of these remarks, if I should omit to speak of him as a citizen and as a friend. In whatever seemed to be for the public weal he was always an active and vigilant promoter, ever realizing the fact that there is no subject of greater interest to the citizen of a free country than that of the mental and moral training of the young; that within its compass are gathered the hopes of all the future; and I think you will join me in asserting the truth of the remark that in his decease education lost an earnest and a faithful advocate.

There are many in this assembly celebrating with filial love and veneration the deeds of their fathers and their mothers, and they will tell you with what fidelity their fathers and their mothers wrought.

Look around you! compared with the great cycles of years it is but a little time since the place where you now stand, nay, all the surrounding territory was one wide wildwood of maple and oak and hemlock, the home of the bear and the eagle. The axe has laid the forest trees low and they have been shaped into cottages and farm houses, granaries and barns; the wild beast has fled and the eagle is scarcely known to you except as the emblem of your country.

Where aforetime stood the wigwam of the children of the forest you now behold the district school-house and the church, emblems, in this favored land, of mental culture and moral and religious training, so that this rural town has put on the garments of the ages. Too much of this beneficent result Dr. Brooks contributed an ample share, and, for his labors, we, as citizens, to-day wreath his memory with the chaplet of our grateful remembrance.

As a friend and neighbor Dr. Brooks was faithful and true ; warm and genial in his sympathies ; hearty and sincere in his manifestations of regard. There are many here now, there are many absent who remember with keen gratitude his kindness to them, who remember with what good nature and good heart he bestowed upon them the tokens of his generous inclinations, and I am sure that from the realms of the happy his beautiful spirit looks with placid eye upon the thousand evidences of his love.

Of other and gentler feelings which cluster around the hearts of those who were of his fireside I may not speak ; they belong to the seclusion of his own bereaved family, where I know they are treasured in the storehouse of their most abiding affection.

With the hope that it will not be thought improperly obtrusive I beg the privilege of saying he was my friend, and that personally I feel a pride in the consciousness that he was so. While I grieve that any one must speak his eulogy, it is a melancholy pleasure that I am permitted at this time to bear testimony to his many virtues, and to join with you in paying a grateful tribute "to the Memory of the late Dr. Brooks."

The following sentiment was responded to by George B. Brooks, Esq., of East Saginaw, Michigan :

*The Native Lawyers of Acworth*—Ever true to their early impressions. One of them is done brown (Brown). Others run as swiftly as the brooks (Brooks). Many seek the cool retreat of the bowers (Bowers) : while all, ere they reach their graves (Graves), will pause and pay a tribute to the memory of the late Levi Turner, Esq., and the Hon. Milton C. McClure."

*Fellow-Citizens and Friends* :—Although the number of native lawyers is small, it is not an occasion for even a brief history of individuals, and I can only hope to show the direction in which lie the rights, duties and tendencies of the legal profession. The true type of our citizenship and civilization is found in the lives of our best men and women. If we have paupers and convicts, they are unfortunates, and detract nothing from the higher order of manhood that does exist. The ministry of the church has its hypocrites, the noble profession of medicine has its quacks, and the law has its pettifoggers ; yet these are no honest part or index of the learned professions, but parasites. The English novelists, of the past few years, have given much false coloring to the American Bar. Their representations,—forceful, eloquent and truthful, as the part in romances which they are made to take, requires,—are no more the type of character in the history of American jurisprudence, than the Salem witchcraft is of the freedom of the religious sentiments of New England in the year 1868. But they left impressions that stay late in the minds of many, who accept them without a doubt or an inquiry, as a truthful likeness of the whole class of lawyers everywhere. I remember a good old lady, who would as willingly have gone down to her grave with a lie upon her lips as to have represented any human being falsely or unjustly,

and she said to me in a voice of tenderness and sadness, "do you really believe a lawyer can be a good man?"

But the testimonies concerning the dignity of the profession have prevailed, and it is well that the old discredits and disgraces, which it has received through ignorance,—but ignorance in many disguises, coming sometimes through the zeal and jealousy of divines, sometimes through the severity of political hatred and sometimes through the learned and the philosopher,—have been removed.

The lawyer is the product of civilization. Savage life and the earlier pioneers do not require his services, for in these conditions brute force has the mastery, and "might makes right." "To give counsel, to secure men's persons from death and violence, and to dispose of the property of their goods and lands," are their true labors. The nation, the State and the individuals are their wards. Their life, liberty and estate are in their keeping while reason and right rule. Questions of great weight and great difficulty. Weighty for that the things of such value are at issue, difficult for the able practice and learned opinions, on the one side, and the equally influential and learned authorities on the other side. And then, there are men and women of fine fiber and sentiments, and they must be managed delicately; and there are men and women of coarse fiber and sentiments, and they must be managed delicately.

But bar the nobler purposes, and the moralities if you will, and bring all to the low level of expediency, and then ask, "What pays best," in the practice of law? The answer is, strict integrity, unquestioned probity and unsullied honor. "Just law and true policy never go apart." This is no sickly sentiment, for sensational occasions, but the daily experience of professional life. Through all, in all, and with all, if true to the high calling, the end sought is, that "truth may first appear and then prevail."

Our rugged and rocky hills, with their pleasant valleys, that the grand old primal ocean left us, when the great law made other beds for the waters, have given us sweet influences amid scenes of beauty and grandeur. They have made us better, if not always good men, and women,—and better lawyers too;—and the early and lasting impressions that have come from these hills, we shall never forget and can never cease to love, scattered though we may be among mountains, among other hills, or in our prairie homes. I speak for a profession that I love and reverence, and how gratefully and tenderly too, if time allowed, would I go to the grave of our honored dead, whose lives were the ripe consummate fruit of duty done to all mankind. Of the living, their works should tell more and better things than any words of mine can speak.

Native lawyers of Aeworth, brothers and volunteers in the ranks of hard workers, that are second to none in intellect, in heart, in culture, in acquirements, in veracity, in justice, and in humanity, let us remember that "the greatest trust between man and man, is the trust of giving counsel." If

you are not true men in the profession, you are false men, and cannot be true anywhere. If worthy the dignity of the profession

———"it must follow, as the night the day  
Thou canst not be false to any man!"

The sentiment next in order was responded to by L. V. N. Peck of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as follows:

*"Our Native Teachers*—A close attention to their calling, has won for them a pre-eminence in this profession worthy of commendation."

*Mr. President, and Fellow-Citizens:*—It is no part of a teacher's duty to make long speeches; whatever he says is expected to be short, sharp and decisive, and I am sure I cannot please this audience better than by making my remarks short, though they may be neither sharp or decisive.

That which distinguishes New England above other parts of this country and above all other countries, is her system of common schools, a system which enables every child to secure the advantages of an education, and makes our people the most intelligent among the nations of the earth. I tell you, my friends, I am proud every day of my life that I was born and bred in New England, and this feeling of pride and gratitude deepens and strengthens the more I see of the social life and educational deficiencies of other communities.

Our rocky soil and sterile hills may not compare very favorably with the rich prairies of the West, or the productive savannahs of the South; but of what avail were those rich soils until New England genius and enterprise brought their hid treasures to the light, and made them minister to the comfort and sustenance of our people. Go where you will, over the broad West, and in every village you will find men whom the rocky soil of New England nurtured to manhood, whose intellects New England teachers have sharpened, and fitted for their work. Tell over the prominent public men of our country at any period of our history, and you will find that New England has always contributed her full share and sometimes exceeded it threefold. Well did the sturdy farmer answer the traveler's half contemptuous query, as to what were our productions, "Well our land is rough and our soil poor, so we build school-houses and raise men!" To raise men who can wisely and justly control the affairs of the nation, we need, as we have had, good schools and earnest, devoted teachers. This brings me to my text, "The native teachers of Acworth." I do not need to point them out to you by name, they are with you and of you. They are your neighbors and friends. I see before me venerable men, who wielded the birch, when a powerful physique was one of the first requisites demanded by the careful committee; for—be it spoken with all fitting reverence—the boisterous spirits of our fathers and mothers, the outgrowth of an exuberant life and health, of which this generation knows little, *sometimes* needed the restraining hand of the master.

How fondly do our old men dwell upon the hearty good will and cordial hospitality of those times, with the huskings, and apple-bees and spelling-schools, when red ears were prizes better than gold, when apple-parings mysteriously curled into cabalistic symbols of future destiny, and merry games and forfeits made the hours flit by with lightning speed, and brought the pleasant pain of parting all too soon. In all these merry-makings the teacher was an important and honored guest. Generally he "boarded round," and his coming was an event to be dreaded by over-anxious housewives, lest their hospitalities might prove inferior to those he had already experienced, but he was sure of a hearty welcome, and the best the house afforded. Alas ! those good old days of rugged simplicity and sterling honesty are gone never to return—the people, customs, institutions, even the very face of the country, all are changed, all except those principles of liberty and justice, which our Pilgrim Fathers stamped upon their offspring, and which can never be effaced until our rocky hills are leveled with the sea.

In none of these things has Acworth been behind her sister towns. She can show a long list of heroes of the bloody field, and of the peaceful home ; many a man and woman of to-day holds in grateful remembrance the precepts of the teacher. I believe Acworth can show a larger list of teachers than any other town of its size. From my own native district, No. 7, containing barely 15 families, there were at one time full thirty engaged in teaching. Other districts could perhaps show as good a record. But most of our teachers have not thought the business a good one to grow old in, so after a few terms or years they have changed into those ministers, doctors, lawyers and dentists, so highly eulogized here to-day, or have adopted the quieter but not less useful pursuit of farming.

At this moment I recall but one Acworth man who has made teaching a life business, and he is present. I am sure you will all agree that his past success and his present position as Principal of the best Young Ladies' Seminary in all New England, prove that he has not mistaken his calling. My friends, we are all teachers, by example, if not by precept. Let us remember, too, that we are all pupils of the same great Teacher, whose lessons, if well learned, will make us useful and honored here and happy hereafter.

The next sentiment was responded to by David Campbell of Nashua :

*"The Mechanics of Acworth, Native or Adopted—Rich in power of invention, skillful in workmanship, and industrious in their habits."*

In replying to this sentiment allow me to arrange the mechanics into three classes, or generations covering the hundred years we this day celebrate. In giving the names of the first class—our father mechanics, it will aid my memory (for I rank with the middle class) to associate *location* with names I wish to recall. I shall be pardoned, perhaps, if I begin near *home*, both personally and geographically. Three-fourths of a mile from where we stand,

resided James Campbell, "the weaver," as recorded in his deeds, when he bought three lots of unbroken forest land. He was apprenticed to the trade of a weaver when fourteen years old in Londonderry. His health failed from the effects of small pox, and he was discharged from the Continental Army before the close of the great contest; and as soon as able he entered upon his part of this then wilderness. His trade was of much service to himself, as well as to his neighbors, for he would weave their "coverlets," and by one day's work in his loom would pay for two days' work in felling the forest trees around his dwelling. Having plenty of land, he was glad to settle other mechanics around him. A little east of his house, was the first hatter in town—James Pearsons, father of Deacon John Pearsons, lately deceased. A little further east was Andrew Woodbury, cut nail-maker, and a small water-power was used for cutting the nails, but foot-power machinery was used in heading them. It is probable that the older houses in town contain nails made by this early mechanic. Farther down on the same brooklet was a blacksmith's shop, and a trip-hammer, built and operated by John Reed, son of Supply Reed, the first carpenter in the east part of the town. On the site of this trip-hammer shop was afterwards the tannery of David and Joseph Blanchard. Passing up this brook north were two saw-mills, one built by Supply Reed, near his residence, and the other by Deacon Jonathan Silsby, and afterwards continued to be operated by his son, Deacon Henry Silsby, till near the time of his death. Still farther north was the residence of Amos Ingalls, Acworth's first plough-maker, so far as my recollection serves.

I will now pass over west to Derry Hill. There lived Capt. Joseph Gregg the carpenter, and near him John Wilson the maker of the "spinning-jacks and spinning-jennies" of those times, which served our manufacturing mothers (I will not say mechanics) a good purpose for spinning cotton, linen and wool, and as one of the speakers here to-day has said, served the daughters as pianos and melodeons. Near this was the first cooper I remember, Aaron Kemp. Jonathan H. Reed was afterwards cooper in the north part of the town.

Passing in our circuit from "Derry Hill," we came to "Parks Hollow" on Cold River. Here were the first saw-mill, fulling-mill, and grist-mill, and a little east of these was the blacksmith's shop of Maj. Joel Angiers. Following up the river you find the first "local" shoemaker, Joseph Gleason, and beyond him the saw-mill of Capt. Robert Clark. Here I first saw "water-power" applied to the "breaking" and "swinging" of flax. Every farmer's barn before this was vocal with the sound of hand-power flax machines, in winter. This "water-power machine was the work of Barnabas Mayo if I recollect aright.

I will finish this circuit by following Cold River up stream to "Keyes Hollow," on the east side of the town where was another saw-mill and afterwards a fulling-mill, owned by John Thornton. That water-power is now

used to drive machinery for making various kinds of wood work, owned by J. M. Reed.

Return now to the middle of the town. Here was the first blacksmith's shop in town, or the first I ever saw. Capt. Gawin Gilmore was a model mechanic, and his sons after him. Dawson Russell was the first saddler I remember. William Heywood, carpenter, Asa Newton, shoemaker, and Josiah Boutelle, painter.

Approximating to the second generation were James Wallace, shoemaker Adam Wallace and Capt. Edward Woodbury, blacksmiths, David Montgomery, saddler, David Campbell, shoemaker, John Davidson and Frederic Parks, machinists, William Hayward, tinner, John Moore, cabinet maker, also, William and Daniel Warner, carpenters, but residing west of the center. Many others *now* omitted complete the list of the mechanics of Acworth of the first and second generations. Many of these were adopted, but where Acworth has adopted *one* mechanic, she has sent *two* and perhaps *three* to help build up the great West! I have seen them in all the western cities I have passed through, and in Central Minnesota I have seen three of Acworth's mechanics in one rural township.

Leaving the *names* of the present generation of mechanics to be recorded by the historian who may follow me, I will speak of their power of invention, skill and industry. I will give as a general rule what I think a fair test of judgment on this point. It is this. Have the mechanics of Acworth invented all the improvements which their local wants require, and the advancing civilization of the age demands of them? Let us see. There is no heavy water power in this town, such as would develop inventive genius in the direction of larger kinds of machinery. Nor are your hay-meadows so broad as to call the attention of your mechanics to the invention of horse-power mowing-machines, or your prairies so broad as to require a steam-plough. Your sons who have gone West have attended to these matters. What are your wants? You have "side hills." I remember how difficult it was to plow these ridges on the upper side of the field. One year ago, the New Hampshire State Fair was held in Nashua where I now reside, and under a large tent, but not so large as this, my first attraction was an exhibition of mechanical skill in the construction of ploughs. A young man was reversing a plow with great rapidity, showing how easily it could be done, in less time than a pair of swift horses could be turned around. I inquired of him who invented and patented that valuable improvement, and was more than pleased to find that he was an Acworth boy—son of my old friend Ezra Lufkin! The same skill here displayed would have invented the steam-plow, or mowing-machine, had this son of Acworth been a resident of the Prairie States of the West. Such inventions are a *necessity* there because they must raise two or three bushels of grain to your one, being so much further from market, hence their plowing, planting and reaping-machines. Had Acworth been a cotton plantation, instead of a flax-raising town, so that

our mothers were under the necessity of using and spinning raw cotton as is done in many parts of Connecticut, for instance, some son of Aeworth would no doubt have invented the cotton-gin instead of a Connecticut Yankee. I remember that when a child, I thought it quite a task to help half a dozen sisters pick the seed out of the small quantity of cotton then used by my manufacturing mother. If the busy mothers had used cotton instead of flax, the fingers of their numerous children would not have furnished cotton-gins enough.

I will now endeavor to illustrate this last point of my text. *The industry manifested and the improvement made by your mechanics.* On such an occasion as this I may be pardoned, if some of my own personal experience should mingle with my illustrations. At the time I first aspired to the honor of being a mechanic of Aeworth, the custom of using pegs in the bottoms of boots and shoes instead of thread was introduced, but how to make the pegs! They were then made with a knife, and were bungling things pointed only one way. An ingenious son of Amos Bailey, who lived in the north part of the town, soon came to our relief by constructing a plane to point them both ways, and he would bring them in small cards four inches square. Soon he so improved the machinery as to split the pegs for us, and furnish them by the quart, and soon by the bushel. See what your sons have done in this branch of business. Truman Silsby next took up the work which Harley Bailey had begun, and sold pegs by the hundred bushels. Then Samuel McClure applied horse-power to his machinery, and now a son of Aeworth by the use of water and steam-power, and improved machinery produces shoe-pegs by the tens of thousand bushels.

Indulge me with another practical illustration of mechanical improvement since the early settlement of Aeworth. The first settlers were under the necessity of being their own manufacturers and mechanics. To subdue the wilderness and cultivate the soil were matters of the first necessity. I have alluded to the primitive custom of our fathers in having shoes and garments made in their own families, and of employing "itinerant" shoemakers. The shoemakers who went around from house to house, were very unpopular with such as were shop-keepers, and the term "cat-whippers" was applied to that class. The custom was soon abandoned. But the tanners were still longer subjected to the inconvenience of tanning the hides, as brought to them by the farmers, on shares; and the farmers brought their own leather to the shoemakers, which was cut to great disadvantage, and subjected the shoemakers to great inconvenience in keeping each man's leather separate. At length one of your shoemakers determined to break up this custom by purchasing stock in large quantities, and working it up to his own mind, refusing all "measures" unless to be made from his own stock. His plan at first was treated with derision. "No one would buy sale shoes!" The reputation of "salework," was universally bad. Many a sad story was told of the sufferings of the continental soldiers, without shoes, and when supplied with new ones they proved worthless. But none of these



things moved our young mechanic; he declared his purpose was fixed, and he would make his "salework" much better, than he could do when cutting from every man's leather hap-hazard, amid the interruptions and annoyances incidental to that system. And more than this, he would warrant his work much better, and would sell it twenty-five per cent. below the ordinary price, on the old system, and leave the question of patronage with his old customers, to buy or let it alone,—for he could sell an honest article abroad, as soon as its merits were tested. This suited the tanners, of whom Lemuel Lincoln was the father. It relieved them of dressing every man's leather on the shares, and enabled them to tan, dress and sell it in lots. I need not say the plan was successful; you have the results before you. It cost a few struggles, and there were some vicissitudes attending the business for a time; but all obstacles have been overcome, and now sterling young men have the business in hand, and annually distribute thousands of dollars among the families who aid them in their work. With real pleasure have I witnessed the skill and industry and improvement this class of young mechanics of Acworth have made; since my residence in town thirty-five years ago.

Nor is this all I have witnessed I have been to South Acworth, formerly known as "Parks Hollow." See what your mechanics have done there? They have no broad valleys in that section of the town, nor are their hills of so gentle a slope as near the center, but the farmers there put the side-hill plow to a practical test, and to good advantage. And now let me say before closing, that during all my residence in town, from boyhood up, I never saw the farms so well cultivated as now, the houses so well kept in repair, as I see this day. What if you have no water power or railroad center on these beautiful hills? You are more than compensated by the healthy moral tone you can maintain in community, by the absence of demoralizing influences so prevalent in our large manufacturing villages and busy railroad centers.

Let me conclude by giving emphasis to the sentiment of my text. *May the Mechanics of Acworth live another hundred years! and when the next Centennial year comes around, may they exhibit as much improvement on the present, as we now witness on the commencement of the past century!*

The following remarks were from Mr. Jonathan Robinson of Keene:

*Mr. President:*—I am not here for the purpose of making a speech, neither do I expect to add anything new to what has already been said. But as this is the native town of my "better half," perhaps there will be no impropriety in relating what I knew of the town fifty years ago. What occurred here a century ago can only be gathered from history. Fifty years ago this present year I was here most of the time during the year, and part of the time I was a pupil of your then settled minister, Rev. Phinchas Cooke. A very competent and excellent teacher he was, and I have often regretted that I never had an opportunity of thanking him cordially for the

interest he manifested in my education, and especially in teaching me the outlines of Astronomy. Fifty years next winter, I kept a school in town, in what was then called the Deacon Finlay district, and a very pleasant time I had; and while here, from the information I obtained and personal observation, I believed it to be one of the most industrious, enterprising and thriving towns in the old county of Cheshire, and for aught I know it is so still. Perhaps there was no town in the county where the wealth was so equally divided as in Aeworth, and it had the reputation of being one of the best farming towns in the county. It may appear incredible, but I believe there has been more dressed hogs, in one season, sent to market from the three or four stores you then had in this village, than would now furnish every family in town with a sufficiency of pork—besides leaving enough for your minister. I was here the winter after your present meeting-house was built, and was much interested and amused to hear your merchants discuss the subject of paying for the meeting-house; but after canvassing the town and investigating the matter, they finally came to the conclusion, that it was no great affair for Aeworth after all, for the town that year raised flax and flax-seed enough to pay for the meeting-house, and besides give every man and woman in town a new linen shirt, and the boys a pair of tow pants. In my school-keeping here, as the saying was, I “boarded round,” and had a very good opportunity of seeing something of the industry of the inhabitants, and I believe that some of my boys, even in the mornings before school time, dressed a number of pounds of flax, but this I cannot vouch for, for the reason that school-masters were allowed to lie in bed till they were called to breakfast. But one thing I do know, and I presume many present know by experience, that as soon as the supper table was out of the way, the big spinning-wheels were brought out, as many wheels as there were girls in the family, to spin tow, and the mother with her little wheel would spin flax, and it was buzz-whiz and whiz-buzz, until bed time. The boys would tend the fire and draw cider, for Aeworth then made some six or seven hundred barrels of cider yearly, and you know it would not do to let it *all* go to vinegar. Fifty years ago next March I deposited my first vote here in Aeworth for State and County officers, and I have never failed to vote in this State at every annual election up to the present time, and I think I have always voted right.

---

Of the many hundreds of letters received by the “Committee of Invitation” we can insert only a few.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SMITH OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

HANOVER, N. H., September 15, 1868.

*Gentlemen,*—It is a matter of regret to me, that circumstances connected with the opening of our college year, will forbid my attending your approaching Centennial. I cannot leave my pressing engagements here.

I the more regret this, as I have not only had relatives resident with you for many years, but your town has had worthy representatives in our college and it has had many warm-hearted friends among your citizens.

May the same blessing of the Most High, which for so long a period has crowned your hills and gladdened your valleys, abide there till the end of time. Yours very truly,

ASA D. SMITH.

LETTER FROM HON. GEO. W. NESMITH.

FRANKLIN, N. H., September 14, 1868.

*Gentlemen*,—Be assured it would give me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation to attend your Centennial Anniversary on the 16th inst., but other engagements will prevent my attendance. You have my hearty approval of the objects and design of the celebration. Our citizens in our several towns should oftener meet together, and forgetting the cares and little animosities of daily life, improve themselves by recalling to remembrance the virtues and worthy example of their fathers, who have gone to their rest.

I have a lively recollection of the lives and character of many of your citizens, and can bear honest and faithful testimony to their intrinsic worth. The more immediate object of your celebration will be to revive the memories and trace the history of your early settlers, and such as have gone down to the grave, having acted their part well here. It is to such men you are indebted for your good standing as a town. We hear it said of you that none of your native inhabitants were ever committed to the State's prison for crime. Few towns can show so pure a record, and I trust a long time shall elapse, before your good fame and reputation, so honorably acquired, shall be tarnished by the criminal conduct of any of your children.

In my youthful days I was accustomed to meet many of your citizens. While dwelling in my father's house in my native town of Antrim, we often met those who were claimed by me as relatives or "kith and kin." We remember and embrace in the number the Duncans, the McClures, the Dickeys, the Wallaces and Wilsons. Some of these people were old when I was young. We remember Col. John Duncan as one of the early settlers of the town. He was a man of superior ability, possessing an extensive knowledge of men and things, and a great fund of anecdotes. He represented Acworth and Lempster in the convention which met in Exeter, when our State constitution was adopted in 1792. He was the father of many children, some of whom no doubt will attend your anniversary. His oldest son, Adam Duncan, of Barnet, Vt., was a man of good talents and acquirements. When the spotted fever first appeared in the town of Antrim in February, 1812, he happened to visit my father's house, and to his sagacity and experience, some of us were much indebted, because the physicians had no experience with the disease, while Duncan during the previous season, had seen its ravages, and learned its treatment in his own town. You will remem-

ber my other numerous relatives as possessing great physical strength, industrious habits, general intelligence, some wit, and much good humor, inclined to hospitality and ready and willing to do their share to promote good order, and a good social feeling in the respective societies in which they moved.

The Acworth people were remarkable for their industrious habits. We can never forget the sleigh loads of flax and cloth, among other productions, which they formerly carried to market. The business of raising, and the home manufacture of flax, was formerly an extensive business with your people, but we regret to say that it has now become one of the *lost arts* in this State. It was the source of income to many of your inhabitants, and continued to be so as late as 1825. Many of your farms, besides producing enough of other materials for man and beast, raised annually one thousand pounds of flax. The home or domestic manufacture of a portion of this crop, was deemed indispensable to the support and success of the female department of the family. Another, a surplus quantity of a good quality, supplied the foreign market. Now the *hum* of the little spinning-wheel, as it stood upon the ancient hearth-stone, plied by our good old mothers and grandmothers, is no longer heard. These days of domestic industry and true enjoyment, contributing to good health, and sound moral training, have been exchanged, to a large extent, for homes in factories, far from the parental eye, and in ill-ventilated and ill-kept boarding houses. As a people, we may be richer, but not better or happier.

In conclusion I have only to say, select from the good habits and the virtues of your ancestry, everything worthy of imitation, and let this generation and their descendants have for their guiding motto, *Excelsior*.

With much respect, I subscribe myself your well wisher and obedient servant,

GEORGE W. NESMITH.

FROM DR. E. S. WRIGHT.

FREDONIA, N. Y., August 13, 1868.

*Dear Sir,*—As the historian of the town of Acworth, you have asked me to give you a sketch of some of the old men, who have passed away, and who were representative men of the town during my pastorate. I now recall with special interest a few of these, whom I will mention. Among the first, who died soon after my settlement in Acworth, was Capt. James Warner, a brother of Maj. Nathaniel Warner. He was a man of noble physical person, dignified deportment, kind and genial in heart, of strong sense and greatly respected and loved by all. At his funeral the church was crowded. Daniel Robinson, Esq., was another of the old men who was marked for strict integrity of character, and purity of life. He had passed through many reverses of fortune when I knew him, but still preserved his early habits of industry and enterprise. He was a great lover of order. An amusing habit was once related to me, illustrating this trait of his character. On retiring to



*Edwin S. Wright*



bed at night, he was accustomed to lay his clothes in such order as he would wish to put them on in the morning. At the bottom the boots and stockings, next the pantaloons, vest and coat, and the whole surmounted with the hat, with which he began dressing. Thus no time was lost in dressing, and due order was also observed in the *method*. Deacon William McClure was a man of great firmness of character, and ardent in his devotion to the interests of the town, both civil and religious, and ready for every good work. Mr. Lemuel Lincoln, father of Deacon Lincoln, Dr. Carleton, David Montgomery, Esq., Dr. Brooks, and some others I remember with special interest, as excellent men and valuable helpers in perpetuating the good influences which have made Aeworth so worthy of a noble record in the history of the towns of New Hampshire.

The Scotch-Irish element predominated in the still earlier fathers, who were the leading men at the time of the Rev. Phineas Cooke's ministry. Mr. Cooke related to me a very interesting incident in regard to "old Capt. Dickey," as he was then called, showing the tenacity, both of personal opinion and of personal friendship, among the early fathers. Mr. Cooke preached a close sermon on temperance in the beginning of the temperance reform. Capt. Dickey was very much offended with it, and with Mr. Cooke. But on Monday morning, he drove into Mr. Cooke's yard with a very large load of hay, saying to his pastor, in his broad Scotch accent, as he stepped out of the door, "I have brought ye a load of hay, for that mad sermon you preached. Ye was mad when ye wrote it. Ye was mad when ye preached it, and ye're mad now." I hope you may be prospered in your efforts to make the approaching centennial anniversary one of interest and profit.

Yours respectfully,

E. S. WRIGHT.

#### LETTER FROM MAJOR-GENERAL CRAM.

DETROIT, September 9, 1868.

*Gentlemen*,—It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your invitation, to be present at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the town of my birth, and I had, as I hoped and believed, made all arrangements necessary to enable me to be present on the occasion. The very recent death of my brother Eliphalet Cram of Racine, Wis., with domestic duties, pertaining to his family and estate, which by his will, making me executor, have devolved upon me, and my official duties besides, will render it impossible for me to participate in the celebration. I thank you, and through you the citizens of Aeworth, for the honor conferred by your invitation, and regret exceedingly my inability to be in Aeworth with you in person, as I will be in heart, on the 16th inst. I have the honor to be your friend, and very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. JEFFERSON CRAM,

Maj. Gen. U. S. Corps Engineers.

## LETTER FROM HON. NEDOM L. ANGIER OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 8.

*Dear Sirs,*—Your esteemed favor of the 9th ult. I have deferred answering in hopes that my affairs might assume such a shape, as to allow me the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation, and mingling with my old Acworth friends in the joys of a reunion of her hundreds of sons and daughters, at home and scattered throughout this happy land. But I see no chance to relieve myself of the heavy responsibilities that press upon me, and demand my presence here. I know of no earthly assemblage that could afford me so much pleasure, and it is with a heavy heart I am forced to deny myself the great boon. Be assured, though absent in person, that my thoughts, prayers, and sympathies will be with you, and the thousands who congregate at that happy gathering. Many will be there whose path verges close on the other world. Give my kind regards to all my old friends, and accept the assurance of my highest esteem and respect.

NEDOM L. ANGIER.

## LETTER FROM JOHN WILSON OF FLINT, MICH.

*Dear Sirs,*—Your kind invitation to attend the Centennial Celebration in Acworth was duly received, and I hereby acknowledge the kindness and courtesy of my friends. I regret that I am unable to attend the anniversary of the settlement of the town. The reminiscences and scenes of bygone years will come up in review, and the cordial greeting of old friends will enhance the pleasures of the occasion. But I must forego this *great pleasure*, on account of age and infirmity. I think I was highly favored in having my birth and education in dear old Acworth. "How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood." From my father's farm on "Derry Hill" the scenery was grand and beautiful in every direction; on the west from Ascutney far to the south, the beautiful Green Mountain range was in full view, and we had a grand panoramic view of the valley of the Connecticut River, dotted by its villages, churches and public buildings.

There were many events in my early life quite interesting, and in their distinctness outlive the lapse of years. The great *eclipse of the sun* at noon-day in June, 1806, I remember distinctly. Napoleon Bonaparte was then in the full tide of his mighty career, and I used to eagerly watch for the *Post* to read the bulletins of the grand army of Italy and mark its wonderful career after crossing the Alps. The cold season of 1816 was remarkable for frost or snow during every month in the year. The memory of our dear pastor, Rev. Phineas Cooke, will ever be gratefully cherished. The great revival of 1817 in the schools and through the town was wonderful, and many souls were converted. It seems but yesterday when thirty-six of our young men and women stood up in the broad aisle of the old church in Acworth and professed their love for Christ. I hope and trust you will have an interesting and pleasant time on the 16th. Respectfully yours,

JOHN WILSON.



LETTER FROM MISS LURINDA CUMMINGS OF ASHBURNHAM,  
MASS.

Thanks for this invitation,—this token of respect,  
For oft we find the aged are treated with neglect;  
'Tis a joy to be remembered in this world of change and care,  
And we estimate our friendships by the time that they will wear.

I am writing for my Mother,—for seventy years ago  
She was a little infant in Acworth town we know,  
But now her form is bending beneath the weight of years,  
And childhood through the mists of time like fairy land appears.

They called her *Milly Currier*, and she lived upon the hill,  
And this invitation tells me she is not forgotten still;  
She remembers all her play-mates, and strings their names like pearls  
Upon the thread of memory—those happy boys and girls!

But when to womanhood she grew, my father claimed his bride,  
And nearly half a century they've traveled side by side;  
*Four* mischief-loving children once filled their home with glee,  
But the eldest and the youngest have sailed o'er death's silent sea.

My brother's grave is far away where Texas' wild flowers bloom—  
And God's bright stars their vigils keep, over his lonely tomb;  
We gave him to his country—and no stain his glory dims,  
He tried to sooth the aching hearts and bind the shattered limbs.

I'm writing for my Mother—and her heart is sad and sore,  
For the son who left his home to die upon that distant shore;  
Though we miss him and are lonely where'er our footsteps stray,  
We would not call him back to earth from o'er the starry way.

Alas! I hardly dare to think how old my parents seem,  
Their threescore years and ten have passed so like a fleeting dream,  
While many dear companions whose parting hands they've pressed  
Have exchanged their weary earth-march for the grave's unbroken rest.

The life-steed, hastening to its goal with such a rapid pace,  
Reminds us that this world is not our sure abiding place;  
But the silvery tents are gleaming on the distant Eden shore,  
Where the lonely saddened spirit finds shelter evermore!

I'm writing for my Mother—and she wishes me to say  
Her thoughts will oft be with you on the bright centennial day;  
Wishing prosperity may rest upon her native town,  
While peace and plenty evermore those hills and valleys crown.

Friends of her youth and childhood, if any such remain,  
How gladly would she meet them in childhood's home again,  
To renew the olden friendship, that time cannot destroy  
And eternity will brighten from earth's dimness and alloy.

*I had dear friends in Acworth* some twenty years ago,  
 Who now may seem like strangers, for time has changed us so ;  
 But those old familiar faces I should dearly love to see,  
 And I cannot think my school-mates have quite forgotten me !

But *some* have sunk to early graves when life seemed bright and fair ;  
 And were laid beneath the daisies with a blessing and a prayer ;  
 Thank God for Immortality ! though precious friends have died,  
 There will be a sweet reunion in our home beyond the tide.

Yours truly,

LURINDA CUMMINGS.

#### LETTER FROM REV. GEORGE COOKE OF WINCHESTER, MASS.

Boston, July 14, '68.

*Gentlemen*,—Your favor communicating the invitation to the Centennial Anniversary is received. It greatly revives my first recollections of the beautiful hills of Acworth—the first square, unpainted meeting-house, through the pew-railings of which it was one of the first developments of my genius to thrust my flaxen head—the successor of that primitive building with its tall white steeple, its stars around the gallery for the boys to count during sermon time, and its wondrous lightning rod which tempted me to climb beyond the proper limits of a boy's ambition—the singing seats, with the "pitch pipe," and its subsequent refinement to instruments of string and wind—the choir, with its momentous questions of leadership and conventional proprieties, which almost visibly shook those eternal hills. The old red school-house ! Oh ! that wonderful seminary ! with a Brigadier-General imported from Lempster, (ten feet high, as he then seemed to me,) to *govern* the school—the "high seats," so infinitely elevated in our juvenile view ; where one of your number, gentlemen of the committee, sat and "did his sums" with vastly more dignity than Senators or Presidents are capable of putting on now-a-days—with the row of stout young men on one side of the middle aisle, and an equal number, by count, of pretty girls on the other, skillfully keeping one eye on the reading lesson, while the other danced with gleaming fun and frolic across the aisle, the brow, nose, ears and other features, maintaining meanwhile the utmost deference to the Brigadier, who stood before the fire-place with his big ruler under his arm to keep order.

I hope that old red school-house survives bodily, as it does in my memory, at least that its ancient landmarks may be found.

My memory busies itself in tracing the roads as they were fifty years ago, spreading out from the "middle of the town" to the four points of the compass—down steep and up high hills, leading away to the Grouts, the Campbells, the Duncans, the Diekeys, the Silsbys, the McClures, the Moores, the Hemphills, the Sladers, the Warners, Howards, Greggs, Griers, Lincolns, Nourses, Wilsons, Thayers, Studleys, and Keyes, while Robinsons, Gilmores, Wallaces, Davidsons, Parkers, Montgomerys and others were clustered in the "middle of the town."

“Park’s Hollow,” “Derry Hill,” Cold River, the trout brooks, the broad green pastures, the beech, and the hemlock woods, the sugar orchards, the potash kettles, the berry-fields, the rabbits, partridges, squirrels, the boys and girls, the singing-schools, and the spelling-schools, the haying time and husking time, the cider-mills, the *whole barrels* of apple-sauce, the butter and the cheese, (specimens of which were sure to find their way to the minister’s house) but above all the people of fifty years ago, sturdy and healthy in body and in mind. Old Scotch brains, keen as a razor in separating the true and the false, the precious and the vile—powerful in “arguing” and staunch against sophistry, as their rocky hills themselves—honest in thought, sober in industry, true and noble in friendship, sympathetic in trouble, generous and brave in action.

Aeworth, as it was then, is good to the memory—the whole picture is fresh, pure and wholesome. Away from most of the influences which corrupt and degenerate society, yet favored less by the inaccessibility of its mountainous location, than by the impregnable virtues which the fathers taught and their sons and daughters cherished.

I *must* shape my plans to be with you on the anniversary, if Providence will permit. Very many reasons beside *the one* so naturally influential with me, induce me to come.

My honored and beloved father, so largely identified with the history of Aeworth, reposes in your cemetery, and in the affections of his children most lovingly, as I doubt not he does in the memory of very many of his flock, still alive in Aeworth. Very respectfully and cordially yours,

GEORGE COOKE.

A tree in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary has been planted upon the Common by Mr. Granville Gilmore.

## PART II.

---

# History of Acworth.

---

### CHAPTER I.

#### CIVIL HISTORY.

---

THE town of Acworth is situated east of Charlestown, its north-western corner being only about three miles from the Connecticut River. Its boundaries are nearly east, west, north and south lines. Its shape is almost square, being six miles and a half in length, north and south, by five miles and three-quarters in width. Perry's Mountain is situated at its north-western corner, Coffin Hill near its north-eastern, and Gates Hill near its south-eastern. Cold Pond covers its north-eastern boundary, and Cold River, its outlet, flows along the eastern and southern sides of the town, only that it is compelled at its head by the spurs of Coffin Hill to make a detour into Lempster, and is prevented by Gates Hill and ridges connected with it, from approaching the southern boundary of the town until it reaches its south-western corner.

The church at the center of the town is 1397 feet above the level of the sea, and there are dwelling-houses on sites still higher than this. The views around Acworth are unsurpassed, in some respects, by any in the State. To the spectator on Derry Hill, a beautiful panorama of the Green Mountains extending from Northern Vermont into Massachusetts, is spread out, Ascutney being on the right hand and Monadnoc on the left. From the brow of the hill, beyond school-house No. 4, a view of Ascutney from its base to its top is obtained. From Coffin Hill, the highest point in town, the White Mountains, on a clear day, can be seen. From Grout and Derry Hills the arable portions of the town are seen by the spectator, showing its beautiful farms, for Acworth claims to be one of the best hill towns in the State for farming.





*Daniel Grouet—*



MRS. ELIZABETH ADAMS GROUT.





The underlying rock is principally mica slate, in which are large veins of granite. The outcropping ledges, and loose boulders on the surface, are not so numerous as in most other hill towns of New Hampshire, though the farmers think in some fields they are plenty enough. There is a boulder on the Symonds farm, measuring thirty feet in circumference, which is so poised as to seem to be easily moved, and to which geologists have given the name of the "Rocking Boulder."

The most interesting locality to the mineralogist, is "William's Ledge" or "Beryl Hill," celebrated for the immense size of its beryls which have been sold to cabinets, in various parts of the world. Some of these crystals are more than a foot in diameter and eighteen inches in length, but they are defaced by striae and cracks. They are however, valued for their huge size. There is one of them in the Imperial cabinet in Vienna, highly prized even in that superb collection. The Acworth beryls, when perfect, have a fine light blue green color, of that variety known as aqua marine. Some pure fragments might be cut and polished for jewelry. These beryls have been obtained by much labor, it being necessary to remove the overlying quartz, which is white, smoky and rose-colored. This quartz vein runs N. W. and S. E. and, forms the summit of the hill. It is of the purest and best kind, suitable for the manufacture of glass and sand-paper. From it fine glass tubes, suitable for chemical purposes have been produced, almost equal to the celebrated Bohemian glass.

Other minerals have been found here, black tourmaline largely crystallized, white soda feldspar, or Cleavelandite, Columbite, and asbestos. Feldspar has been taken from this ledge to make porcelain ware at Bennington, Vt. James Bowers expended much labor and capital in developing the resources of this quarry. On the western side of the hill is a bed of hornblende slate, cut through in a remarkable manner by a broken vein of compact feldspar.

The town of Acworth is situated upon territory once claimed by Massachusetts. According to the Masonian charter, the boundary line of New Hampshire commenced three miles north of the mouth of the Merrimac, and followed the river to its head, and extended thence in a north-western direction until a point sixty miles from the sea was reached. At the time the charter was granted, the bend in the Merrimac was unknown. New Hampshire claimed, that the spirit of the charter required that the line should run west from the bend in the river. Massachusetts, on the

other hand, claimed a literal construction of the charter. The case was decided in favor of New Hampshire.

Massachusetts then called upon New Hampshire, to provide for the forts which she had established in the disputed territory. This New Hampshire refused to do, as her settlements being east of the Merrimac were not sufficiently benefited by these forts to warrant the expense. In 1752, the question of reimbursing Massachusetts for her expense in keeping up Fort Dummer by granting her the disputed territory was agitated. This quickened the Governor of New Hampshire to grant several charters for towns in that quarter, chiefly towns previously settled under Massachusetts charters. This was doubtless the occasion of granting the charter of the town of Burnet in 1752, although at that time the hostility of the Indians made it impossible to live at any distance from Fort No. 4. This charter of course was forfeited by failure to settle. In the description of its boundaries Unity is called Buckingham. Burnet covered exactly the same territory granted in 1766 to the same leading proprietor, Col. Sampson Stoddard, though with different associates, under the name of Acworth. The conquest of Canada had put an end to the Indian wars several years before Acworth was granted, and only now and then was a wandering Indian seen by its early settlers.

The name of Acworth was probably given to the town by the Governor, in honor of a friend of his, Lord Acworth. The proprietors were mostly citizens of towns bordering on the Merrimac River in Massachusetts, and of Londonderry, N. H. Among them we find the names of Benning Wentworth the Governor, John Wentworth, last Colonial Governor of New Hampshire, Theodore Atkinson, Secretary of State, Matthew Thornton, afterwards signer of the Declaration of Independence and delegate to the Continental Congress from New Hampshire. None of these proprietors ever settled in Acworth.

The land was divided into seventy parts. Five hundred acres, to be reckoned as two shares, were allowed to the Governor. This was set off in the north-western corner, on "Perry's Mountain." One share each was allotted to the "Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts," and for a glebe for the church of England. The lands which fell to these shares are now held by a perpetual lease, and the income from the rent is enjoyed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in West Claremont. One share was allotted to the first settled minister in town, and fell to

Rev. Mr. Archibald, and was sold by him when he left town. One share was reserved for schools which was sold, and the income is devoted to school purposes. One share, as near the center as possible, was to be laid off in town lots, one being assigned to each proprietor. The remaining sixty-three shares were distributed among the sixty-three proprietors.

Among the privileges granted was the holding of an annual fair and weekly markets, which the inhabitants never availed themselves of. Among the conditions was the annual tribute of one ear of Indian corn, if lawfully demanded, during the first ten years. Tradition does not say that the demand was ever made. After ten years, each proprietor or settler was to pay a tribute of a shilling for each hundred acres possessed, which first fell due on the 25th of December, 1776, but the Declaration of Independence effectually stayed the payment. Another condition was inserted to induce the speedy settlement of the town: five acres for every fifty owned, were to be brought under cultivation by every proprietor, under pain of forfeiture, and reversion to the crown.

As the charter was not signed until the 19th of September, there was no time for settlement that year, but in 1767 three young men from Connecticut, William Keyes, Joseph Chatterton, and Samuel Smith, were induced to choose farms in the newly granted town. They immediately began to clear these farms, and in the spring of 1768 William Keyes brought his young wife to the cabin he had built. She with an infant a few months old made the journey from Ashford, Ct., in an ox-cart, in which also was stowed all the household goods they brought with them. They settled on the farm now occupied by Hon. Jesse Slader.

They were joined during the year by Joseph Chatterton, who boarded with Mr. Keyes and cleared a farm near by, and Samuel Harper who erected a cabin where Hiram Hayward now lives, and John Rogers of Londonderry, who built his cabin where Alonzo Mathewson now resides.

The first settlements near the center of the town were made the next year by Henry Silsby, where Mrs. Willard Perham now resides, and by Ephraim Keyes, near William Hayward's present house, and by Samuel Smith, Sr., a little below the old burying-ground. These were all Connecticut men. They were followed from their native State by comparatively few. But the Connecticut settlers wielded a large influence in town, and most of them were the progenitors of a numerous posterity, and a large

proportion of the inhabitants of the town during the last two generations could claim relationship to them, besides very many who have emigrated from Acworth.

According to the charter, the first town meeting was to be held on the 2d Tuesday of October, 1866, to be called and moderated by Colonel Stoddard, which of course was not held because no one was living in town, but upon petition of the settlers, a town meeting was first called on the 2d Tuesday of March, 1771.

The condition of the charter, as to the amount of land to be brought under cultivation, within the term of five years, not being complied with, the charter was forfeited in September, 1771. The proprietors immediately petitioned for an extension. A committee was sent in May, 1772, by the Governor to inspect the settlement and report upon its growth and improvement.

They reported two hundred and sixty-seven acres of improved land in town, and one hundred and twenty-one acres partly cleared. This land was all in what now constitutes school districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, except one dozen acres on the Ira Wheeler place, in No. 4, and about twenty acres partly cleared in No. 5, where George W. Lathrop now resides, and about four acres partly cleared at the grist-mill in South Acworth.

There were thirteen houses in town, six of which have already been spoken of, and the other seven were situated thus: Dean Carleton's, a little out of the village on the road leading to Derry Hill; David Cross, where Ira Wheeler afterwards lived; Elijah Parker, where Lauriston Keyes now resides; Joseph Chatterton and James Pease, west of Deacon John Grout's,—they were the only persons in town who had a barn; Robert Davidson, where Thomas B. Hayward now resides; Solomon Bigelow on what is best known as the Jacob Hayward place. Thomas Putnam had built a good grist-mill, saw-mill and house at South Acworth. There were but two carriage roads in town, one leading from Charlestown, over the hill, past Hiram Hayward's, and running near Benjamin P. Wood's, then across to Henry Silsby's inn, (Mrs. Willard Perham's,) over the hills, past the Jonathan Mitchell farm, and so on to East Acworth and Lempster. From Charlestown to Mr. Silsby's it was a good carriage road, the remainder of the way a wagon might pass with difficulty. There was also a good road from the middle of the town to the mill. Besides these, there were bridle paths to the various houses.

This was the condition of Acworth in 1772. Thirteen houses,

probably all log cabins, one barn, one grist-mill, one saw-mill, eight miles of carriage road, and perhaps twenty-five legal voters. The town, however, continued to receive accessions through the troublous times preceding and during the Revolutionary War. Thomas Putnam was soon joined at South Acworth by Joseph and William Markham, Alexander Houston and Christopher Ayres, and at the close of the war, by Thomas Slader and others. Near the close of the Revolution, the McClures made the first settlement in the neighborhood which has ever since borne their name. In 1781 Isaac Gates made the first settlement on Gates' Hill, joined in a few years by Jabez Alexander, and Ezra George. Thomas Clark made the first settlement in the Tracy district, followed soon by Issachar Mayo, Joseph Blanchard and others. Col. Ebenezer Grout settled first upon "Grout Hill" in 1782. Jonas Keyes built the first house in East Acworth, or "Keyes Hollow." The settlers for the first twenty years came from Londonderry, New Hampshire, except a few influential families, as the Keyeses, Sladers and Silsbys, who came from Connecticut, and the Grouts and others from Massachusetts. From that time, for several years, a tide of immigration set in from New Boston, Weare, and the surrounding towns, settling mainly on Grout Hill, and in the north part of the town. The earliest settlers brought their effects on ox-carts, up the river from Connecticut, and around through Keene from Londonderry. When on horseback they came through Washington and Lempster.

It was in many respects more of an undertaking for a young wife to leave her parents in Connecticut, Massachusetts or Londonderry, and follow her hardy pioneer husband into the forests of Acworth, than it is now to go to the far West. Though parents wept, expecting to see their faces no more, yet in a few years at farthest, the young couple would pay a visit to their old homes, the wife on horseback, with a babe in her arms, and perhaps another child on a pillion, while the husband walked by her side. Many visits were paid in this way. These women were worthy mates of their daring husbands. Many incidents are still related of their courage and fearlessness.

While Mrs. William Keyes one day was alone in her cabin, she heard an outcry in the pig-pen. Fastening her infant child in the house, she ran out to ascertain the cause, when lo, a bear was seen seizing their pig, the only reliance for meat during the coming winter. The exigency called for prompt action. Seizing a cudgel

she attacked the bear. But he patiently endured the beating, being intent upon his prey, which he bore off in triumph. But his day of reckoning speedily came. Through the efforts of Mr. Keyes he took the place of the pig in the meat-barrel, so the family were supplied with meat, inferior in quality indeed, but more in quantity than they had anticipated.

Often during the first season a coverlet sufficed as a door to the cabins. The wolves were sometimes bold enough to lift the edge of the coverlet and survey the household as they sat around the blazing hearth on winter evenings; or if a solid door prevented this their faces might be seen against the window-panes. But the women did not go into hysterics, nor refuse to be left alone in the house under these circumstances.

So far from having carpets on their floors, they were sometimes forced to have only the earth for a *floor*, which became hardened and polished by use, and the housewife took special pride in making it shine. The big stone chimney sometimes served a double purpose, and supplied the only staircase in the house. Hemlock bark always constituted the first roof of the cabin. The single room down stairs often served the purpose of kitchen, dining-room, parlor and bedroom, while the loft was reserved for strangers. Two rooms on the first floor were considered amply sufficient. Yet these humble cabins were as generally the abodes of happiness as the more comfortable dwellings in which the inhabitants of our town are now housed, and probably were the witnesses of more mirth and hilarity. The people had the generosity and open-heartedness common to pioneer settlers. The new-comer always found neighbors ready to assist him in rolling up the logs of his cabin and in making his first clearing.

For this purpose a "frolic" was made, and undoubtedly they made a *frolic* of it. There were also husking-parties and apple-bees innumerable, besides many other gatherings for young and old. There were also "road-breakings" in the winter. Those who lived at the outskirts of the town would start first through the drifts to their nearest neighbors with their teams, when another yoke of oxen would be attached, and so on from house to house, until long teams might be seen pouring into the middle of the town from every direction; when there a rush was made upon the stores and taverns, "black-strap" flowed freely for the time, sending some home in not a very fit condition to meet their families. But when we consider their privations and

hardships, and the age in which they lived, we can pardon these infirmities. We have no need to speak of their industry to those who know that these hills and valleys were heavily timbered, and those who have seen the "stone fences" of Acworth.

The chief problem presented to them was not, What can I most profitably raise, and what can I more economically buy? Money was scarce, and the means of intercommunication and transit were few and expensive. They studied therefore to live as much as possible within themselves. They studied to produce not only food, but clothing for their families, and thus they became manufacturers as well as farmers. Linen, tow and woolen goods were manufactured, and soon in such abundance as to become an article of export, some families selling one hundred dollars' worth annually. Nor were all these fabrics coarse. Acworth linen was noted for its fineness as well as its abundance. Miss Peggy McClure received the premium at the county fair for the quality of her linen. In those days of large families and industrious habits, there was little anxiety as to the future of their sons and daughters. The sons had but to buy a tract of the wilderness which was cheap and near at hand, and begin to make for themselves homes as their fathers had done. The daughters did not go to the city to purchase their *trousseau* in anticipation of their wedding, but they were provided with flax, wool and often raw cotton in abundance, and their busy fingers wrought a bountiful supply of material for setting up housekeeping usually long before it was needed. Thus it required no long purse to start a son or daughter in life. The simple habits of the early settlers did not require that calculating prudence which our more artificial manner of life and accumulating wants compel us to exercise. Sometimes we think it would have been more for their comfort to have exercised more forethought. For instance they had no woodsheds, and a wood-pile was seen at every door with the axe in the end of a log, ready for use in cutting the daily supply, which we have no doubt was often forgotten. One instance at least has come down to us, where the farmer went to his day's labor forgetting to cut the usual supply of wood. On returning at noon he found the dinner-pot hanging in the fire-place with the dinner all prepared in it, ready to boil when a fire was made. He took the hint, but whether he ever forgot to chop wood again for his wife we know not.

The settlers from Londonderry were large of stature, with mus-

cular frames. They were conservative, which peculiarity is still marked in their descendants. They were tenacious in their opinions, and jealous of their rights.

They were reverent and scrupulous observers of the forms of religion, even when there was no hearty piety. One peculiarity seems strangely blended with these. They delighted in rough practical jokes and boisterous fun. Fighting was a common practice on "town meeting" and "muster days," even by those who seemed very sedate and dignified on other occasions. Part of this doubtless must be credited to New England rum, which most of them unfortunately loved, and a part to their rough pioneer life. In regard to this, their descendants have very much improved, for the peaceableness and propriety of Acworth assemblages at the present day is a matter of remark. The following incident illustrates their love of practical jokes: While Capt. John Duncan was commander of the military company, some of the younger members headed by Parley Keyes, were guilty of some neglect of duty, and thereby incurred a fine. Keyes had considerable influence in the company, and the Captain foresaw that there might be difficulty in enforcing a collection of the fines. He saw Keyes privately, and unfolded to him a plan whereby he might play a practical joke upon his brother delinquents. At the next training Keyes should step out before the company, acknowledge his fault, pay over the fine, and advise his comrades to do the same. Duncan intimated to him, however, that he would refund to him his own fine. Keyes agreed to play his part of the joke, and the plan worked most admirably, the delinquents following the example of Keyes, walked up and paid their fines. Time passed on, and Keyes not having his money refunded as he expected, complained to the Captain. With a toss of the head, Capt. Duncan replied, "*Some I flutter and some I drive.*"

At a subsequent training, after the above incident had apparently been forgotten, Capt. Duncan, as the custom was, wanting to *treat* his company, handed some money to Keyes who was a sergeant, and directed him to go to Mr. Henry's store and buy some rum. The liquor came and was used. A few days after Mr. Henry called Capt. Duncan into his store and presented a bill for rum on training day. Capt. Duncan settled the bill, and on meeting Keyes inquired, with much indignation, why he had not paid for the rum. Imitating the captain's manner, he replied, "*Some I flutter, and some I drive.*"



The Governor of New Hampshire had claimed what is now the State of Vermont as part of New Hampshire, and had granted numerous town charters within that territory. The colony of New York also claimed the territory. The dispute was settled in 1764 by a royal order extending the jurisdiction of New York to the Connecticut River. The settlers holding their titles under the New Hampshire grants, were unwilling to agree to this settlement, and during the troubles of the Revolution erected an independent government. This produced discontent through the valley of the Connecticut, the towns on both sides of the river being intimately associated and unwilling to be separated. Some movements were made to erect a new State in the valley, to be called New Connecticut. To prevent this movement, in March, 1778, Vermont admitted sixteen towns on the west side of the river to representation in her Legislature, but she gave them up upon the remonstrance of New Hampshire. However strongly the people of Acworth may have felt upon this subject, they did not act officially, until December 11, 1780, when, in connection with Lempster and Unity, they chose Daniel Grout to represent them in the General Assembly of New Hampshire, raising at the same time a large committee to instruct him whether to go, and upon what conditions. They also chose Henry Silsby and John Duncan to attend a convention of the New Hampshire grants held at Charlestown. This convention was the result of a previous one held at Walpole, at which also Acworth was represented, which meeting resulted in a resolution, complaining that New Hampshire was willing that the valley towns should be divided by the river, and calling a convention at Charlestown. This convention met January 16, 1781, and soon adjourned to Cornish, to be near the Vermont Legislature, then in session at Windsor. The result was articles of union between the New Hampshire grants and Vermont. March 30, 1781, Acworth accepted these articles of union, and John Duncan was chosen representative, and on the 5th of April, and in conjunction with the representatives of thirty-five other towns, he was admitted to a seat in the Vermont Legislature. Town meetings were called in the name of the State of Vermont during the remainder of the year, and jurymen were drawn for the Vermont courts. A letter, however, from Gen. Washington to the Governor of Vermont, led the Legislature of that State to take action on the matter. Taking advantage of the absence of the members from the eastern side of the river, a resolution relinquishing all

claim to that territory was passed February 22, 1782, and when these members arrived they were excluded. It is by no means certain that John Duncan, the Acworth representative, was among this number, for the town had previously been considering whether it would not be better to return to the allegiance of New Hampshire, and had, February 1st, agreed to pay the taxes assessed by New Hampshire for 1782, provided those of 1781 were not insisted upon, and on the 25th of February the annual March meeting was warned in the name of New Hampshire. Thus ended the only secession movement of which Acworth was ever guilty. We infer that the movement was not very hearty or unanimous, from the following facts: 1st, a protest is entered upon the records, calling in question the legality of the annual March meeting; and 2d, the highway tax was only worked out by a part of the inhabitants in 1781, and its collection was not enforced; 3d, early steps were taken to return to New Hampshire. We also infer that the movement was not considered creditable to the town from the fact that no tradition of it has been handed down from father to son.

The population of the town nearly doubled between 1790 and 1800, as will be seen by reference to the census. Settlers came in from Weare, New Boston and vicinity in great numbers, and many also from other places. There were more inhabitants in town in 1800 than now. The villages, however, were quite small. Samuel Slader kept a hotel in the large square house at the corner of the common. James Wallace lived in a house by the public well. West of that there was no house until Jacob Hayward's, (Barnet C. Finlay's.) On the north Mr. Silsby's (Mrs. Perham's) was the nearest. Towards the east were Gawin Gilmore, (J. H. Dickey's,) Amos Keyes, (William Hayward,) and a little below, Ephraim Keyes. The only house south of the tavern was Dr. Grout's, (Nath'l Warner's.) Mr. Gilmore had a blacksmith's shop where C. M. Woodbury now lives, and Isaac Nesmith's blacksmith's shop stood where the school-house now does. James Wallace was the shoemaker, and Hugh Henry the merchant. His store was on the site where Col. C. K. Brooks' house now stands. There were only four houses in South Acworth. An incident happened in 1800 which shows the strictness of the times. Isaac Nesmith was on his way home from Londonderry when the Sabbath overtook him at Washington. As the snow was rapidly disappearing he felt obliged to hasten home, but could start only by permission of the tithing man. Being stopped

on the road by a man who was at *work* in his barn, and who threatened to prosecute him, he could proceed only by showing his permit.

As the stream of immigration began to subside, the stream of emigration gradually rose. As at the present time, these emigrants scattered far and wide. The largest bodies of them, however, settled in Washington County, Vt., about Lake Champlain, and Jefferson and Alleghany Counties, N. Y., and in Ashtabula County, O. Parley Keyes was one of the earliest of the emigrants. An incident in his life illustrates the character of these men. In the year 1814 he and a neighbor became bondsmen for a paymaster in the army. This man became a defaulter to the amount of sixty thousand dollars, and his bondsmen were obliged to make up the loss. He reported that the money had been stolen from him, but Judge Keyes became convinced that he had the money concealed, though he could prove nothing. Not feeling willing to lose the money he determined to resort to desperate measures to bring the truth to light. Carefully ascertaining how long a person could probably remain under water without drowning, he and his fellow-bondsman induced the defaulter to meet them upon the banks of Black River. Here they assured him of their conviction that he knew where the money was, and of their determination to drown him at once if he did not divulge his secret. Unmoved he exclaimed "he knew nothing of the matter." This was no sooner said than he was plunged into the water. Upon being brought to the surface he re-asserted his innocence. He was immediately put back into the water. When drawn out again he appeared like a lifeless corpse. But he recovered his voice only to re-assert his innocence stoutly. Affairs were becoming desperate, but Judge Keyes was equal to the emergency. He told him in a tone that convinced the guilty man that he was in earnest, that they would sink his body in the water never to emerge with life, and hurry his soul before the judgment seat with all its guilt upon it, did he not confess at once. Whereupon the secret was immediately disclosed and the place of concealment revealed. Judge Keyes hastened to the house, and to the chamber indicated, and knocked. A stir was heard within but no response. Bursting open the door he found the wife of the guilty man sitting upon the bed. Not finding the money in the trunk where he had been told to look, he immediately removed the woman from the bed, and there found the money concealed in a quilted garment.

When the defaulter returned to the house his wife was not to be found, but soon intelligence was brought that she had been seen crossing the fields in the direction of the river. Her body was soon found in its depths, convincing the community of what they had suspected, that she was the instigator of the crime.

The emigrants from Acworth are now scattered from Canada to the Gulf and from one ocean to the other. They have generally carried the church and the school with them wherever they have settled.\*

#### SPOTTED FEVER.

The spotted fever of 1812, was the most fatal epidemic ever known in Acworth. Thomas Grier, had visited Massachusetts with his wife, and upon their return they were both prostrated by sickness. Jennie their oldest daughter, a strong healthy girl of nineteen, prepared dinner for a party of young men, who had come to provide the family with their winter's wood. After placing the food upon the table, she was taken with a violent headache. Dr. Carleton was called and immediately pronounced the case "spotted fever," medicine made no impression, and before midnight she was a corpse. The next case was a child of John Davidson's, near Derry Hill school-house. The disease spread rapidly, there being cases in opposite parts of the town at the same time. Most the people were more or less affected by premonitory symptoms, and it was considered contagious by every one. The weather was extremely cold, all business and labor were suspended, except what was absolutely necessary, and while a universal fear and gloom pervaded every family in the town, very few refused to go when needed, either in case of sickness, or in burying the dead. The funerals were well attended, and during the first weeks the bereaved families, as far as they could, provided mourning suits, but as the disease progressed, the mourning habiliments were deferred for the time. Few families in town escaped without loss of relatives, more or less distant, requiring according to the custom mourning garments; and after the merchants brought home their spring goods, the whole population seemed to be clad in the habiliments of woe. As the spring opened, the disease assumed a milder form, but not until it had carried off fifty-three of the inhabitants.

---

\* For a notice of the Davidsons, pioneer settlers in Alleghany County, N. Y., and the Warrens, early settlers in Cuyahoga County, O., see sketches of their families, in *Genealogy*.



MRS. SALLY WILSON



The disease returned during the winter and spring of 1813-14, but physicians had more control then over it than during the previous year, and it passed away with the opening of spring. The following is an extract from a letter written in Acworth, April 1, 1812, by Miss Sally Nesmith, (now Wilson,) who was quite active as a nurse during the prevalence of the fever, to her sister Mrs. Peggy Morrison of Londonderry :

"We are all well at present, but how long we may be so favored God only knows, for many sicken and die in a few hours. Mr. McCollum's family were all well last Saturday, yet this afternoon he and three of his children were buried. Their corpses with one other, Sally McMurphy, were brought to the meeting-house, and a discourse was delivered by Mr. Wells of Alstead, from the words, "Lord, save us, we perish," to a large concourse of people from this and the neighboring towns. The like was never before seen in this town. *Five* lying dead at one time. There has been a great many deaths here. S. Silsby of Lempster and Ira Ladd of Alstead both died in town. John Davidson has buried three children, James Davidson one, George March two, Capt. Joseph Gregg two, Col. John Duncan three, Mr. Stone one, Jacob Hayward one, John Bailey one, Maj. Grout one, Joel Angier one, all of spotted fever. Mrs. Parkes died of consumption, Mr. Moores of typhus fever. Last Friday night George Clark's wife, who was insane, set fire to the house she was confined in, and before the fire was discovered she and the house were almost consumed. Mr. Grier is very low, and is not expected to recover. His son James has had the fever but is better. I watched at Mr. Perham's last Saturday night. They are all sick but Mr. P. and the youngest child, but are getting better. Last night I watched with young Samuel Anderson, who has been very sick, but he too is recovering. For three weeks I have done nothing but help to take care of the sick and attend funerals. I sleep always when I can get time, for there are so many sick that people are bad off for watchers, and I am busy most of the time. If the fever should continue as bad as it has been, I am afraid there will not be enough well people to take care of the sick."

#### THE COMMON.

The common was given to the town by three persons, viz., John Keyes, Henry Silsby and Ephraim Keyes. The first deed, dated 1773, conveyed from John Keyes a parcel of land sixteen rods by fifteen, in the north-eastern corner of lot 10, 5th range, on condition that the inhabitants of the town should build the meeting-house on or near the spot. The northern line of the lot runs just in front of the present church, and the eastern line extends along the road leading to South Acworth. In the same year Henry

Silsby also gave a parcel of land of the same shape and size in the south-eastern corner of lot 11, 5th range, "for the use of a meeting-house spot, training field, and other accommodations of said town, as long as it should be so used." Upon this spot stands the present church and town-house. In 1783 Ephraim Keyes conveyed to the town a parcel of land very irregular in shape, situated in the corners of lots 10 and 11, 6th range, adjacent to each other and to the common already belonging to the town. On the last day of June and first of July, 1772, the citizens of Acworth met by appointment to "chop down the common, and as much land for Ephraim Keyes as he had cleared on the common." It seems from this and other votes that the town entered upon the possession of the common a year or two before the land was deeded to them.

#### THE CEMETERIES.

The first public burying-ground was on the common, although two children of Samuel Harper, the first persons buried in town, were interred near the residence of Hiram Hayward, and probably others were buried in private grounds. The first person interred upon the common, according to tradition, was Hannah Wilson, daughter of "big" John Wilson, who died 1775. In 1776, a committee of the town selected what is known as the "old burying-ground," and Lieut. James Rogers, one of the committee and selectman for that year, was the first person buried there. In 1834, the "old burying-ground" becoming crowded, a cemetery was laid out in the field afterwards used for the Centennial Celebration. In the beginning of the next year two processions met there bearing the first corpses brought into the grounds, the remains of Mrs. Sophia Newman, and of Mrs. Richardson. In 1847, this ground proving unsuitable for burial purposes, the present cemetery was purchased, and the bodies were removed to it from the other. This ground was tastefully laid out, and great care has been taken of it by the sexton, Mr. Granville Gilmore, who deserves much praise for the interest he has taken in this matter during the many years he has had charge of the cemetery. The first monument in it was erected to the memory of Rev. Phineas Cooke. It now contains many handsome monuments, and is certainly a credit to the town.

#### SCHOOLS.

We find the first mention of the school-house which stood on the common, in 1778. During this year town meetings were





*Granville Gilmore*



held in this school-house. There were schools in town before this, however, for the first teacher, Samuel Smith, removed from town in 1773. The first vote to divide the town into districts was in 1786. In 1790, the town was divided into nine districts, which were substantially the same as at present, except the Slader district, which included the greater part of what is now districts 7, 8 and 9. No. 12 was included in the John Duncan district, and No. 13 was at a comparatively recent period set off from the adjoining districts. In early days female teachers were expected to teach sewing and knitting, as well as reading and spelling. An attempt was made to obtain a list of the native teachers, but it was found one might almost as well make out a list of the inhabitants of the town.

#### TEMPERANCE.

In early years New England rum was seen in every house, and was used on every occasion. The minister, even, kept a little choice West India rum to treat his brethren, and plenty of an inferior article for his lay visitors. Acworth was not behind her sister towns, probably, in this respect, for her sons were certainly "mighty to drink strong drink," as well as to subdue the rugged hills which they had chosen for their home. No doubt the hardships of pioneer life fostered the habit of drinking. One of the earliest settlers was accustomed to remark, that "Acworth never would have been settled, had it not been for New England rum." It was not then known that the temperate man was best able to endure hardships. The "Temperance Society" was formed September 30, 1829. Its officers for the first year were, Lemuel Lincoln, President; Edward Woodbury, Vice-President; and John Lancaster, Secretary. At the annual meeting in 1830, it was reported that there "had been a diminution in the use of ardent spirits of two-thirds within three years." In 1833, "it was ascertained that forty farms in this town are now managed without the use of distilled spirit, and that most of our mechanics have excluded it from their shops." This certainly was a great change. The last recorded meeting of this society was in 1840.

The "Acworth Washington Total Abstinence Society" was organized November 30, 1841. The interest in temperance was then greatly increased, and several influential men, who had stood aloof from the old society, now joined the new one. This society

continued in active operation more than ten years, and effected much good. There has been also in town a division of the Sons of Temperance, which wielded a powerful influence for good. Acworth has certainly redeemed her character in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors, and she now stands fair as a temperance town.

#### LADIES' CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The "Ladies' Charitable Society" of Acworth was organized July 2, 1816, with 138 members. Rev. Mr. Cooke preached a sermon from Ecclesiastes xi. 1, 2: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight." The object of the society was to foster a spirit of benevolence among the ladies. They adopted a constitution and by-laws which had been drafted by Mr. Cooke. The officers were to consist of a President and a Secretary, who was also to be Treasurers. Any lady could become a member by paying twenty-five cents annually. Up to the present time this society has preserved its organization, and from time to time for more than fifty years, has met to work for benevolent purposes. Its first annual contribution was appropriated to translate the Bible into heathen languages. This was very soon after the first missionaries had gone forth under the auspices of the American Board. They soon became interested in the education of young men for the ministry, and at their second annual meeting they voted a portion of their annual contribution to assist Mr. William McCollum, a native of town, who was then at Kimball Union Academy, preparing for the ministry. In 1819, we find them making a donation to Rev. Amos Foster who was then in Dartmouth College, and at another time to Rev. Daniel Lancaster. During all these years they contributed to the various benevolent objects of the day, more generally, however, to the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society. The blinds on the Congregational Church were a gift from this society, and many other home objects have received assistance from it. The society has also often contributed clothing, etc., to those who were needy residing in town. Numerous valuable boxes of clothing and other articles, have been sent to home missionaries, to the soldiers during the war, and to the freedmen. In the early days of the society a correct record of the amount and value of the work done was not kept, and therefore we cannot give an accurate estimate of the whole amount raised by the society. Of the one hundred and thirty-eight





*S. A. Reed*

original members, only twenty-two are now living. Although more than half a century old, the society is apparently as flourishing and vigorous as when first organized.

#### MERCHANTS.

Among the first merchants in town, were Mr. Towne, and Samuel Henry. Willard Carleton, Levi Hayward, and Hugh Henry, whose store was on the site of the house now owned and occupied by Col. C. K. Brooks, succeeded them. Thomas Heaton opened a store for a short time, in a building which had been used as a dwelling-house by James Wallace, near the public well. John and Nathaniel Grout, whose store stood where the dwelling-house of the late Dr. Lyman Brooks now stands, removed the building Mr. Heaton had used, to the present site of M. M. Warner's store, which was used as a store until Nathaniel Grout built a new one on the same spot. He was succeeded by Nathaniel & D. J. Warner; Warner, Woodbury & Archer; Warner & Archer; D. J. & M. M. Warner, and M. M. Warner. Daniel Robinson succeeded Hugh Henry and erected a new store, now the residence of Col. Brooks. He was succeeded by D. D. Robinson and J. Davis. J. Mills Gove and Ithiel Silsby, Gaven Gilmore and Leonard Gilmore have also traded in town.

At South Acworth the mercantile firms have been: Mr. Piper, J. F. & J. E. Richardson, J. B. Richardson, J. F. Richardson, John P. Davis, James A. Wood, J. F. Paige, Charles E. Spencer.

#### MILLS.

The first grist-mill was built at South Acworth before 1772, and was owned by Dea. Thomas Putnam. This mill after a few years was carried away by a freshet, and Mr. Henry Coffin, then owner, was carried off with it and lost his life. The next mill was built by William Mitchell on nearly the same site, about 1790. His successors were, John Mitchell, Elisha Parkes, William Davis, Roswell George, J. F. Paige, and S. A. Reed. This mill was also swept away by high water, and Mr. Reed built a grist and saw-mill on the same site, at a cost of about \$10,000. This building is certainly creditable to the public spirit of its builder. It is now owned and occupied by J. F. Paige. He grinds on an average about 15,000 bushels of grain annually, and saws about 400,000 feet of boards. There was once a grist-mill where Lauriston Keyes now resides, owned by Joshua G. Silsby, and after-

wards by Jesse Wallace. John Reed had a small grist-mill, for a little while, where O. R. Kemp now resides. John Thompson once owned a grist-mill at East Acworth, and was succeeded by Rodney Buss. John Thornton once used the water power now owned by J. M. Reed to run a grist-mill.

The first saw-mill was probably built and carried away in connection with the first grist-mill. The next mill at South Acworth was built by William Mitchell, who was followed by John Mitchell, Elisha Parkes, John F. Davis, Roswell George, and Barney & Porter. The first saw-mill in East Acworth was erected by Dea. William Carey, and was subsequently owned by Jonas Keyes, Moors Keyes, Mazelda Keyes, Levi Barney, Abel Bailey, and Simon Graves. It was rebuilt by Ambrose Alexander, and sold to James and Albert Spaulding. It is now owned by Rodney Buss, who saws about 400,000 feet of lumber annually, most of which he manufactures into boxes, and wooden-ware of various kinds. The saw-mill now belonging to Rufus Hilliard, was built by Dea. Jonathan, and afterwards owned by his son Dea. Henry Silsby. There was formerly a saw-mill just below Mr. Hilliard's, built by Supply Reed, and owned by Supply Reed, Jr., and by David Currier. The saw-mill on Cold River at the foot of Gates Hill, has been owned and run by Robert and Thomas Clark, Winchester Wyman, Ruel G. Bascom, John Clark, and now by George F. Nichols. About 50,000 feet of lumber is sawed there annually. George and Solyman Spaulding, Wheeler & Scripture, William Welch and Ephraim Bixby have occupied the saw-mill now owned by Jason H. Boynton. He saws about 50,000 feet of lumber annually. Dea. Thomas Ball built a saw-mill in the west part of the town, which was run a few years.

The first carding-machine in town was in the grist-mill built by William Mitchell. The second was in a room finished off in the saw-mill at the bridge in South Acworth. A. M. Crosby erected the first mill for dressing cloth, near where the present factory stands. Messrs. Jones & Parks were the first manufacturers of woolen cloth, and their successors have been Jones & Wetherbee, Jones & Holden, Holden & Ryder, Ryder & Proctor, John Dean, John Scribner and Nathan Adams who now manufactures 6500 yards of cassimere annually, using 8000 pounds of raw wool. Dan Foster built the first mill for dressing cloth in East Acworth, afterwards owned by William Boardman, who sold to Seth Adams in 1814. He was succeeded by Moores Keyes, who was followed



by John Thornton, who did a large business in dyeing and dressing cloth, and in carding wool, for several years. He sold the mill to Rodney Buss, who converted it into a factory for the manufacture of bobbins and other articles of wooden-ware. John Thornton afterwards built a large mill below the old one which he sold to James M. Reed, who now manufactures hoops, etc.

Robert Holmes, Dea. William and Robert McClure, Mathew Towne and Rufus McClure have manufactured fanning-mills. There was once a flax-dressing machine which was run by horse-power erected near Dea. Thomas Ball's, by John Lancaster. It did quite a business in its day. Joab Newton, Benjamin Newton, Robert McClure, Rufus McClure and Rufus Howe have manufactured hand rakes, and Theron Duncan carried on at one time a large business in manufacturing horse-rakes. John Wilson in early days manufactured spinning-wheels. John Moore, David Montgomery, William Haywood and Edward Woodbury have been dealers in stoves. Amos Ingalls made plows. Davidson & Parks were machinists. Among the early shoemakers were Simeon Ingalls, John Williams, Enoch Stevens, Isaac Butterfield, Dean Carleton, Mason Blanchard, Silas Gleason, Parmenter Honey, Christopher Ayres and James Wallace. Some of these went around from family to family to make shoes, while others had shops. David Campbell was the first wholesale shoemaker, who was succeeded by Gage & Robinson and Robinson & Chapman. The "Acworth Boot & Shoe Co." was a joint stock company which was bought out by John Blanchard. The business is now carried on by Blanchard & Woodbury, who manufacture about 11,000 pairs of boots and shoes annually. The first tannery was established near what is now Dodge's blacksmith shop, by Lemuel Lincoln. He sold out to Mr. Albree and put down a new yard a little south of the old burying-ground, where he and after him his son, Dea. Amasa Lincoln, carried on the business of tanning for many years. David and Joseph Blanchard put down a tan-yard and carried on the business where O. R. Kemp now resides. A tannery once existed on the Underwood Brook, near George W. Neals'. Dea. Levi Barney put down a tannery many years ago in East Acworth. A clothes-pin factory has been recently erected by C. B. Cummings in South Acworth.

As will be seen by reference to the census, the population of Acworth is one-third less than in 1810. Emigration to the West is the main cause of this decrease. Thousands have gone forth from

these hills to assist in developing the resources of the great West. This depopulation is mainly felt in the outskirts of the town. The population of the central village was probably never greater than at present, and South Acworth for several years has been growing rapidly. The wealth of the town has not decreased as the population. The valuation in 1868 was \$481,379; value of lands, \$283,554; number of sheep 6,771, value \$14,122; number of neat stock 894, value \$43,967; number of horses 292, value \$22,887. Amount of lumber annually cut, reckoned in board measure, 1,200,000 feet. Amount of grain raised is estimated at 15,000 bushels. Number of boots and shoes manufactured by Blanchard & Woodbury, 11,000 pairs. Amount of shoe pegs manufactured by Maj. Ephraim Cummings, 5,000 bushels. Number of yards of cassimere made by Nathan Adams, 6,500, using 8,000 pounds of raw wool. In the manufacture of wooden-ware by Rodney Buss about 400,000 feet of lumber are used. One hundred and fifty cords of wood is manufactured by J. M. Reed into hoops, bails, handles, etc., annually. It is believed that Acworth surpasses every town in the State in the amount of maple sugar made. In 1868, 128,400 pounds were manufactured.

## CENSUS AND RATE OF MORTALITY.

In this table the average number of deaths annually is given, each decade embracing five years preceding and five succeeding the year in which the census was taken :

Year.	Population.	Deaths.	Year.	Population.	Deaths.
1790, . . .	704		1840, . . .	1,450	18.3
1800, . . .	1,376	10	1850, . . .	1,251	23.5
1810, . . .	1,523	23	1860, . . .	1,180	27.8
1820, . . .	1,479	18.5	1868, . . .	1,070	22
1830, . . .	1,401	16.8			

## MODERATORS.

1771-3. Henry Silsby.  
 1774. Samuel Smith.  
 1775-9. Thomas Putnam.  
 1780-1. Daniel Grout.  
 1782-3. John Duncan.  
 1784-6. Daniel Grout.  
 1787. John Duncan.  
 1788. Joseph Finlay.  
 1789. John Duncan.  
 1790. Thomas Slader.

1791. John Duncan.  
 1792-3. Daniel Grout.  
 1794. Henry Silsby.  
 1795. Thomas Slader.  
 1796. Daniel Grout, Esq.  
 1797-8. Thomas Slader.  
 1799. Lasell Silsby.  
 1800. Maj. John Duncan.  
 1801-4. Lasell Silsby.  
 1805. William Grout.

1806. Joel Angier.  
 1807. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1808. Joel Angier.  
 1809-10. Lasell Silsby.  
 1811-14. Joel Angier.  
 1815. Lemuel Lincoln.  
 1816. Edward Slader.  
 1817-18. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1819. Joel Angier.  
 1820. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1821. Joel Angier.  
 1822. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1823-4. Ithiel Silsby.  
 1825-6. Eliphalet Bailey.  
 1827. Joel Angier.  
 1828. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1829-30. Eliphalet Bailey.  
 1831. Jonathan Gove.  
 1832. Ithiel Silsby.  
 1833-5. David Blanchard.

1836. Jonathan Gove.  
 1837. John Robb.  
 1838. Samuel Slader.  
 1839. Joel Tracy.  
 1840. Jesse Slader.  
 1841. David Blanchard.  
 1842. Joseph G. Silsby.  
 1843-5. Joel Tracy.  
 1846. Joseph G. Silsby.  
 1847-8. John Robb.  
 1849-50. Joel Tracy.  
 1851. John Robb.  
 1852-3. Joel Tracy.  
 1854-8. J. G. Silsby.  
 1859-60. C. R. Vilas.  
 1861. Zenas Slader.  
 1862-3. J. H. Dickey.  
 1864. Jesse Slader.  
 1865-7. Zenas Slader.  
 1868-9. William Brooks.

TOWN CLERKS.

1771. John Rogers.  
 1772. Dean Carleton.  
 1773-80. Samuel Silsby.  
 1781. Peleg Sprague.  
 1782-5. Isaac Foster.  
 1786-90. Lasell Silsby.  
 1791. Thomas Slader.  
 1792. Lasell Silsby.  
 1793-4. James Campbell.  
 1795-6. James Campbell.  
 1797. Levi Hayward.  
 1798. James Campbell.  
 1799-1801. James Campbell.  
 1802. Levi Hayward.  
 1803-6. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1807-9. Lemuel Lincoln.  
 1810-12. Edward Slader.  
 1813-14. Levi Hayward.  
 1815-16. Lemuel Lincoln.

1817-18. Elisha Parks.  
 1819-20. Eliphalet Bailey.  
 1821-4. Elisha Parks.  
 1825-30. Ithiel Silsby.  
 1831-2. Eliphalet Bailey.  
 1833-4. Ithiel Silsby.  
 1835-6. Granville Gilmore.  
 1837-9. Joseph G. Silsby.  
 1840. Daniel J. Warner.  
 1841-2. C. M. Woodbury.  
 1843-6. J. H. Dickey.  
 1847. Joseph Davis.  
 1848-51. C. M. Woodbury.  
 1852-4. J. H. Dickey.  
 1855-8. C. M. Woodbury.  
 1859-61. S. S. Vilas.  
 1862-5. C. M. Woodbury.  
 1866-7. D. J. Warner.  
 1868-9. C. E. Spencer.

TOWN TREASURERS.

1776-7. Henry Silsby.  
 1780. Henry Silsby.  
 1781. Joseph Chatterton.  
 1782-3. John Duncan.  
 1784-5. Daniel Grout.  
 1786-8. Jonathan Silsby.  
 1789. Daniel Grout.  
 1790. James Campbell.  
 1791. Amos Keyes.

1792-7. James Campbell.  
 1798-1807. Daniel Nurse.  
 1808-9. Amos Keyes.  
 1810-11. Levi Hayward.  
 1812-15. Lemuel Lincoln.  
 1816-24. Edward Slader.  
 1825-27. Gawin Gilmore.  
 1828-9. Nathaniel Grout.  
 1830-8. Edward Slader.

1839-41.	Granville Gilmore.	1861.	William Hayward.
1842-4.	Edward Woodbury.	1862-3.	C. M. Woodbury.
1845-7.	David Montgomery.	1864.	William Hayward.
1848-51.	J. H. Dickey.	1865.	J. G. Silsby.
1852-9.	David Montgomery.	1866.	C. M. Woodbury.
1860.	N. E. Sargent.	1867-9.	N. Warner.

## SELECTMEN.

1771.	Henry Silsby, Samuel Harper, William Keyes.
1772.	Henry Silsby, Thomas Putnam, John Rogers.
1773.	Henry Silsby, Thomas Putnam, Dean Carleton.
1774.	Samuel Harper, John Rogers, Samuel Silsby.
1775.	Samuel Harper, Thomas Putnam, George Duncan.
1776.	Thomas Putnam, Henry Silsby, John Rogers.
1777.	Ephraim Keyes, Samuel Silsby, William Clark.
1778.	Thomas Putnam, Alexander Houston, Ephraim Keyes.
1779.	Daniel Mack, Henry Silsby, James Wallace.
1780.	Henry Silsby, John Duncan, Daniel Grout.
1781.	Daniel Grout, James Campbell, Jacob Foster.
1782.	Joseph Finlay, Henry Silsby, Joseph Chatterton.
1783.	William Mitchell, Joseph Finlay, Jonathan Silsby.
1784.	Jacob Hayward, Moses Lancaster, Jonathan Silsby.
1785.	Jonathan Silsby, Thomas Slader, Amos Ingalls.
1786.	John Duncan, Daniel Grout, Thomas Slader.
1787.	John Duncan, Thomas Slader, Lasell Silsby.
1788.	John Duncan, Lasell Silsby, Moses Lancaster.
1789.	Lasell Silsby, Amos Ingalls, Jonathan Silsby.
1790.	Moses Lancaster, Thomas Slader, Lasell Silsby.
1791.	Thomas Slader, John Duncan, James Campbell.
1792.	Lasell Silsby, Daniel Grout, Thomas Slader.
1793.	Isaac Foster, James Campbell, William Grout.
1794-6.	James Campbell, Isaac Foster, William Grout.
1797.	James Campbell, Thomas Slader, William Grout.
1798.	James Campbell, Thomas Slader, Moses Lancaster.
1799.	James Campbell, Isaac Foster, William Grout.
1800.	James Campbell, Isaac Foster, Edward Slader.
1801.	James Campbell, Moses Lancaster, Edward Slader.
1802.	Levi Hayward, Moses Lancaster, Edward Slader.
1803.	Gavin Gilmore, Moses Lancaster, Edward Slader.
1804-6.	Gavin Gilmore, Amos Keyes, Lemuel Lincoln.
1807.	Lemuel Lincoln, John Grout, Ebenezer Grout.
1808-9.	Lemuel Lincoln, Ebenezer Grout, Samuel Finlay.
1810.	Edward Slader, Samuel Finlay, Ebenezer Grout.
1811.	Edward Slader, Maj. Ebenezer Grout, Elisha Parks.
1812.	Edward Slader, Elisha Parks, Levi Hayward.
1813.	Levi Hayward, Gavin Gilmore, Eliphalet Bailey.
1814.	Levi Hayward, Elisha Parks, Eliphalet Bailey.
1815.	Lemuel Lincoln, James M. Warner, Samuel Slader.
1816.	Lemuel Lincoln, Samuel Finlay, Samuel Slader.
1817-8.	Elisha Parks, Eliphalet Bailey, Ithiel Silsby.
1819.	Eliphalet Bailey, Ithiel Silsby, Jonathan Gove.
1820.	Eliphalet Bailey, Jonathan Gove, David Blanchard.

- 1821-4. Elisha Parks, James M. Warner, David Blanchard.  
 1825-6. Ithiel Silsby, Jonathan Gove, Joel Tracy.  
 1827-8. Ithiel Silsby, Jesse Slader, Daniel Nourse, Jr.  
 1829. Ithiel Silsby, Daniel Nourse, Jr., David Montgomery.  
 1830. Ithiel Silsby, Eliphalet Bailey, David Blanchard.  
 1831. Eliphalet Bailey, David Blanchard, Joel Tracy.  
 1832. Eliphalet Bailey, Joel Tracy, John Robb.  
 1833. Joel Tracy, Jesse Slader, David Montgomery.  
 1834. Joel Tracy, David Montgomery, Ithiel Silsby.  
 1835. David Montgomery, Winslow Copeland, Eliphalet Parks.  
 1836. Eliphalet Bailey, Joel Tracy, Thomas Ball.  
 1837. David Blanchard, Joel Tracy, John Robb.  
 1838. David Blanchard, John Robb, Zenas Slader.  
 1839. John Robb, Joel Tracy, Edward Woodbury.  
 1840. Zenas Slader, Edward Woodbury, Hugh Finlay.  
 1841. Edward Woodbury, David Blanchard, David Morrill.  
 1842. Joseph G. Silsby, Daniel Robinson, Granville Gilmore.  
 1844. Joseph G. Silsby, David Buss, Nathaniel Merrill.  
 1845. David Buss, Nathaniel Merrill, J. H. Dickey.  
 1846. Joseph G. Silsby, Barnet C. Finlay, Joel Tracy.  
 1847. Joel Tracy, Samuel McLure, William Hayward.  
 1848. David Montgomery, Joseph Ball, William Hayward.  
 1849. Jesse Slader, Hugh Finlay, C. K. Brooks.  
 1850-1. Joseph G. Silsby, Harvey Howard, Roswell Walker.  
 1852. Joseph G. Silsby, Daniel Robinson, C. K. Brooks.  
 1853-4. Daniel Robinson, Adna Keyes, Ebenezer Grout.  
 1855. Adna Keyes, Harvey Howard, Daniel Gay.  
 1856. Daniel Robinson, J. H. Dickey, David Buss.  
 1857. J. H. Dickey, William Hayward, Samuel McKeen, Jr.  
 1858. J. H. Dickey, Jehiel Gowing, Rufus Hilliard.  
 1859. Wm. Hayward, Thomas Slader, 2d, Samuel McKeen, Jr.  
 1860. C. K. Brooks, Thomas Slader, 2d, Samuel McKeen, Jr.  
 1861. C. K. Brooks, Freeland Hemphill, Theron Duncan.  
 1862-3. J. H. Dickey, John F. Dickey, C. J. Davis.  
 1864. Zenas Slader, John F. Dickey, C. J. Davis.  
 1865. John F. Dickey, J. H. Dickey, Joab N. Davis.  
 1866. Zenas Slader, J. H. Dickey, Joab N. Davis.  
 1867. Zenas Slader, Charles B. Cummings, J. F. D. Murdough.  
 1868. Zenas Slader, J. F. D. Murdough, James A. Wood.  
 1869. Joab N. Davis, Oliver Chapin, Lyman Buswell.

REPRESENTATIVES TO LEGISLATURE.

- |                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1794-1801. Capt. William Grout. | 1821-2. Elisha Parks.      |
| 1803. Thomas Slader.            | 1823-4. James M. Warner.   |
| 1804-6. Gawin Gilmore.          | 1825-6. David Blanchard.   |
| 1807-8. William Grout.          | 1827-8. Daniel Robinson.   |
| 1809. Thomas Slader.            | 1829-30. Stephen Carleton. |
| 1810. Gawin Gilmore.            | 1831-2. Jonathan Gove.     |
| 1811-13. Ebenezer Grout.        | 1833-4. Eliphalet Bailey.  |
| 1814. William Grout, Esq.       | 1835-6. Joel Tracy.        |
| 1815-16. Edward Slader.         | 1837. David Montgomery.    |
| 1817-20. Ithiel Silsby.         | 1838. Samuel McClure.      |

1839.	David Montgomery.	1854-5.	J. H. Dickey.
1840-1.	Joseph G. Silsby.	1856-8.	Adna Keyes.
1842-3.	Edward Woodbury.	1859-60.	Daniel J. Warner.
1844-5.	Joel Tracy.	1861-2.	Zenas Slader.
1846-7.	William Warner.	1863.	C. M. Woodbury.
1848-9.	Granville Gilmore.	1864-6.	Levi Prentiss.
1850-1.	James Wallace.	1867-8.	William Hayward.
1852-3.	Joseph G. Silsby.	1869.	C. K. Brooks.

LIST OF THE SONS OF ACWORTH, WHO HAVE BEEN REPRESENT-  
ATIVES OF OTHER TOWNS TO STATE LEGISLATURES.

Perley Keyes, Watertown, N. Y.; also State Senator.	Charles C. Gove, Nashua.
Amos Stebbins, State Senator, N. Y.	Alexander Graham, Claremont.
Rufus Blanchard, Vershire, Vt.	Milon C. McClure, Claremont.
Joseph Carleton, Vershire, Vt.	Hiram Blanchard, Bradford.
Roswell Carleton, Whitefield.	William Nourse, Newport.
Morris Clark, Whitefield.	Shepherd L. Bowers, Newport.
John M. Gove, Whitefield.	Joseph Davis, Hancock.
Thomas Montgomery, Whitefield.	Samuel L. Slader, Langdon.
Calvin Clark, Mooretown, Vt.	Joseph Copeland, Unity.
Paul Mason, Mooretown, Vt.	Ransom Severns, Unity.
Andrew Mitchell, Lincoln, Vt.	Nedom L. Angier; also State Treas- urer, Atlanta, Ga.
Horace Duncan, Lyman.	Chapin K. Brooks, Lunenburg, Vt.
Alexander H. Gilmore, Fairlee, Vt.	Charles C. Mathewson, Mound Prai- rie, Ill.
John B. Mayo, Dover, Me.	
Edward A. Slader, Nashua.	

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Thomas Putnam,	Ithiel Silsby,	Robert Clark,
Henry Silsby,	David Blanchard,	William Warner,
Mathew Wallace,	David Montgomery,	Zenas Slader,
Daniel Grout,	Jesse Slader,	A. J. Cummings,
James Campbell,	John Robb,	David Buss,
John Duncan,	Joel Tracy,	Adna Keyes.
Thomas Slader,	Edward Woodbury,	Jacob B. Richardson,
William Grout,	Joseph G. Silsby,	Daniel Robinson, 2d,
Gavin Gilmore,	Granville Gilmore,	Hezekiah Copeland, 2d,
Edward Slader,	Chapin K. Brooks,	Harvey Howard,
Samuel Finlay,	J. Harvey Dickey,	Daniel J. Warner,
Elisha Parks,	Erastus Hemphill,	Joseph S. Bowers,
Daniel Robinson,	Nathaniel Merrill,	James A. Wood,
Jonathan Gove,	Joseph Ball,	N. E. Sargent.
Eliphalet Bailey,		



*Daniel J. Warner*





## CHAPTER II.

### ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

---

#### SKETCH OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

BEFORE proceeding to sketch the history of the Congregational Church, some account of the building of the first meeting-house may be proper. At the second town-meeting held three years after the first settler built his log cabin, it was voted "that the meeting-house be set on ten acres of land taken from the adjoining corners of lots 10 and 11, ranges 5 and 6, in a square form." But the troubles of the Revolutionary struggle coming on, nothing was done until 1779. The size of the house was then determined, 50 feet by 40. They had the same difficulty in agreeing upon a site that is so often experienced by communities now. Upon application a committee was sent by the Court, which selected substantially the same site originally agreed upon by the town. So complicated had meeting-house affairs become, that in 1782 all former votes were rescinded, and they started anew. When the materials were nearly gathered for raising the frame the difficulty again arose of determining the exact site. A committee of citizens of the neighboring towns by request fixed the site for the house. Rev. Eleazer Beekwith, the Baptist minister in Marlow, was a member of this committee. The meeting-house was raised in 1784. In 1787, while the lumber of the future pews was still flourishing in the forest, they were sold at auction. In 1789 the house became ready to use, though the pews were not all finished for some time after. There are those still living, who remember sitting upon benches of the rudest kind in the unfinished meeting-house, during Mr. Archibald's ministry. This house was a frame building of nearly a square form, and had entrances at the south, east and west sides, adorned with porches. The pulpit was at the northern end. The pews were about five feet square. There was a row of them all around the walls of the house, and an aisle ran around just inside of this row. There was also a middle aisle with two rows of

pews on each side. The deacons' seats were benches immediately in front of the body pews. The gallery ran around three sides of the house, having as below, a row of pews next to the wall, and also a second row on the front end. Space was thus left, on the east and west sides, for the singing-seats. The leader of the singing, with two assistants, was allowed to sit in the deacons' seats below, by vote of the town, by which vote also the leader was chosen. In calling up the old house in imagination we must not forget the sounding-board over the pulpit.

March 12, 1773, was observed as a day of fasting by Henry Silsby, Bethiah Silsby, Thomas Putnam, Rachel Putnam, Samuel Silsby, Elizabeth Silsby, Dean Carleton and Anna Cross, and by the assistance of Rev. Bulkley Olcott, of Charlestown, and Rev. George Wheaton of Claremont, they were organized as a church, by subscribing to a covenant. This church, organized by these eight persons, has received to its communion 800 members. It has thus increased a hundred fold. The four men above named were leaders in the town, and thus from the very first religion took the prominent position it has always held. Religious services, as ministers could be obtained, were held at the house of Henry Silsby.

August 8, 1774, the town gave Mr. George Gilmore a call to become the pastor of this church, after having heard him preach for some time, promising him thirty pounds the first year, and agreeing to add four pounds annually until it should amount to fifty pounds a year. Afterwards six pounds more were added to encourage Mr. Gilmore to give his answer in the affirmative. But he never was settled as pastor, probably owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the country at that time. But they were not without preaching during the war, as we find that the town pays Rev. David Goodale sixteen pounds for preaching during 1778, and at the annual town meeting in 1779, they vote to raise one hundred and thirty pounds for preaching during the year, and we find that Isaiah Kilburn preached in town during that year. In 1781 a committee of the town was chosen to secure a minister on probation, and also a committee to draw up instructions as to the way the money voted for preaching should be spent. They reported it "to be most agreeable to order and to the Word of God, to apply to the Presbytery, or an association of ministers so-called, for a candidate, and to admit no person that had not been licensed by them, to preach." This action resulted in hiring Mr. Goodale to preach on probation, and in November of that year, a call was voted

him, offering him £50 settlement money, and £40 the first year, and £5 to be added every year until it amounted to £60. This, however, for some reason, did not result in settling Mr. Goodale. Previous to giving him a call, a more definite plan of church government was adopted. The church as first formed was purely Congregational in its government, but many of the first settlers of the town coming from Londonderry, N. H., it became necessary to so modify the form of government that they could conscientiously and heartily unite with their brethren in the church. Therefore, Henry Silsby, Samuel Slader, Dean Carleton and Daniel Grout, who were Congregationalists, and Robert McClure, Joseph Finlay, John Duncan, Daniel Mack and Alexander Houston, who had been Presbyterians, were chosen a committee to revise the plan of government, assisted by Rev. Mr. Olcott and Rev. Mr. Goodale. This plan of government provided for the election "of a number of the most wise, grave and respectable persons under the title and denomination of Ruling Elders." These elders were to examine all candidates for admission to the church, but the candidates could only be admitted by vote of the whole church. In cases of discipline, the trial was had before the elders, unless the party interested should elect to have his case brought before the whole church assembled. In case of trouble, the party aggrieved might choose to make application either to a Presbytery, or to a council of Congregational Churches. The only change that has been made in the plan of government, of any consequence, was made in 1815, to prevent the baptism of children under the "half-way covenant," as it was termed.

The title of the church was the "Reformed Church of Acworth," a title applicable to any Protestant Church, not Lutheran, thus avoiding the decision of the question, to which denomination the church belonged. Rev. Tilly Howe preached as a candidate in 1787. Rev. Thomas Archibald, of Londonderry, N. H., who graduated at Dartmouth College in 1783, was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry on the second Tuesday of November, 1789; thus a minister and a meeting-house were obtained the same year. His call was signed by the selectmen for the town. The town voted him "£50 settlement money, one-fourth in gold or silver, the remainder equal to beef at 20s. per hundred, or wheat at 5s. per bushel, or rye at 3s. 6d. per bushel, flax 7d. per pound, butter 7d. per pound; the gold and silver to be paid immediately ;

the remainder in three months." The town also voted him £50 in merchandize at the same rate, as a salary, and £5 to be added yearly until it should reach £60.

This ordination was a great event in Acworth. The town chose Joseph Finlay, Daniel Grout, James Campbell, Eliphaz Silsby and Joseph Chatterton, to attend upon and provide for the ministers, and other gentlemen; and also chose Thomas Slader, John Duncan and Amos Ingalls, "to keep order and good regulation" during the ordination.

The minister's salary was raised by a special tax upon the town, from which all were exempted who furnished evidence that they paid a minister's tax to another society. Several members of the Baptist Society in Marlow were so relieved.

The relation, however, between Mr. Archibald and this church continued only till June 14, 1794. Mr. Archibald, at a meeting of the elders at his house, February 10, 1794, complained of himself as being guilty of a misdemeanor "in allowing his passion to get above his reason, in attempting to strike James Wallace." The elders thought "that as the offense had been public, his confession ought to be made before the church and congregation, but to this Mr. Archibald demurred. Thereupon a joint committee of the church and town brought charges against him before a mutual council. As to the results of the council we only know that it issued in the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Mr. Archibald confessed the charges brought against him, and was received to the fellowship and communion of the church, and was then dismissed to the church in Alstead. The ministry of Mr. Archibald was not successful; only ten united with the church while he was here. He is remembered as a man of harsh and irascible temper. The son of an eye-witness relates the following incident: "I recollect to have heard my father say that Mr. Archibald engaged in trade with Hugh Henry, furnishing goods, and acting as a silent partner. Henry undertook to take advantage of the pastor, locked up the store and closed the blinds, and commenced taking an account of stock. Learning what was going on, Mr. Archibald took an axe, walked deliberately down to the store, smashed the door in pieces, rushed in, seized Henry by the throat and choked him until he bellowed like a calf and begged for mercy. The parson, having got satisfaction, and his temper having cooled off, put on his black coat, for he had divested himself of his clerical robes, and, as my father who saw the whole affair expressed it,

sneaked away to his home, and never entered the pulpit or preached afterwards." Mr. Archibald died in 1812, aged fifty-seven years.

For three years the church was without a settled pastor. But on the 14th of June, 1797, Rev. John Kimball of Littleton, Mass., was ordained and installed pastor over the church. His call promised £100 settlement money, and £102 salary for five years, and then £80 as long as he should remain their pastor. Having remained pastor for nearly sixteen years, he was dismissed, at his own request, upon the plea of bodily indisposition. He returned to his native town, Littleton, Mass., and spent the remainder of his days. More than sixty were added to the church during his ministry. He was a bachelor, with some eccentricities. Tradition says it was sometimes difficult for him to keep the run of the days of the week. He appeared at the store one Sabbath morning to purchase a darning-needle, and when told it was Sunday was very nervous as to his pulpit preparations. At another time he was surprised that the district school-teacher, who boarded where he did, was not starting to school as usual. Upon inquiry, he was amazed to find it was the Sabbath. His naturally nervous disposition was greatly disturbed by the fatal ravages of the "spotted fever" in the town during the last year of his ministry, so that he hardly dared to attend funerals, much less visit the sick. Tradition says this neglect of duty led to a decrease of salary, which, doubtless, increased the "*indisposition*" that led him to ask a dismissal.

The church, after the dismissal of Mr. Kimball, was in a critical position. Mr. Kimball knew nothing experimentally of a change of heart, and his predecessor, to say the least, was not a spiritually-minded man. A lady who came here to reside from a neighboring town, remarked afterwards that she could not find a single person to sympathize with her in her religious experience. Persons who came to Mr. Kimball to know what they should do to be saved, were advised to lay aside their fears, and give themselves no trouble. All the forms of religion, however, were greatly respected, and generally observed. This state of things was not peculiar to Acworth. Mr. Cooke writes: "From my infancy to manhood, I never heard of a person professing to have met with a change of heart, although additions were frequently made to the church."

Mr. Cooke's religious experience was entirely different from

that of his predecessors. \* Born in Hadley, Mass., October 9, 1781, he felt from infancy the influence of pious parents. By this influence, under God, he was shielded from the licentious infidelity of the times while in college. He graduated from Williams College in 1803, in a class of twenty-eight, with only one professor of religion. His parents desired him to enter the ministry; but though it was the custom of the times, and even advised by good men, he could not think of entering upon that sacred office without knowing the power of religion in his own heart. He, therefore, entered a law office in Keene in 1804. He was not, however, satisfied with the practice of law. After a very marked and thorough religious experience, he united with the church in Keene in 1811, and soon began to pursue the study of theology without a teacher or an adequate library. But his early training in the Westminster Catechism and his religious experience assisted him greatly. In October, 1812, he was licensed by the Monadnock Association. In July, 1813, he was invited to preach in Acworth. His very first sermon discovered a marked peculiarity of his—the exact adaptation of his text and discourse to the occasion. It also showed great courage on the part of a candidate. The text was Mark x. 21: “One thing thou lackest;” and he proceeded to dislodge the prevailing Arminian sentiments from the minds of his hearers. Even one of the officers of the church shook his head, and remarked, “We never heard such doctrine as that before.” But the people were in affliction. There was hardly a house where there was not one dead. Mr. Cooke administered religious consolation, as he went from house to house, as only one with a warm heart and deep piety could. This turned the hearts of the people toward him, and he soon received a call, with but one dissenting vote on the part of the church, and thirty-three on the part of the town. Thus the town of Acworth probably owes it to that fatal scourge, the “spotted fever,” that she has had, for nearly half a century, a succession of pious men to break the bread of life to her children. The opposition to Mr. Cooke was partly on account of a political speech which he made while a lawyer in Keene, but mostly on account of a growing feeling that it was not right to tax the town to support preaching. Mr. Cooke declined the call at first—not on account of the opposition in town meeting, but because of trouble in the church. One Monday morning he rode away from Acworth, as he supposed, not to return, having

preached the Sabbath before from II. Cor. xiii. 11: "Finally, brethren, farewell." Col. Duncan had spent a sleepless night, feeling that he could not have it thus. In the morning he followed Mr. Cooke, and brought him back. On the next Sabbath, his text was Acts x. 29: "Therefore, came I unto you without gainsaying as soon as I was sent for. I ask, therefore, for what intent ye have sent for me." Difficulties were adjusted, and Mr. Cooke was ordained September 7, 1814. More than 2,500 persons were present at the ordination services. Dr. Seth Payson of Rindge, doubtless referring to the opposition, preached from the words, Gal. iv. 16: "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth." Rev. Mr. Lankton of East Alstead made the ordaining prayer, of which Mr. Cooke remarked, "If the place was not shaken on which we stood, *I shook*." It may be a matter of interest to know that upon such occasions, in those days, clergymen wore gown and bands. In order to provide Mr. Cooke with a gown, the ladies bought nineteen yards of heavy black silk, which Miss Sally Nesmith, now Mrs. Wilson, fashioned into a clerical gown, and Mr. Cooke was obliged to send for her to help him to put it on.

Mr. Cooke preached the doctrines of grace with the fervor of one who had recently experienced them in his own heart, to a people who had never heard them from the lips of a pastor before. Of the effect produced, Dr. E. S. Wright remarks, "The people were at first astonished, then excited, then alarmed, then rebellious, then subdued." A revival ensued, which reached its height in 1817. In the winter of that year, there was a great work of grace in the public schools. In the "Finlay district," the scholars had gathered for a spelling school. As the custom was, the exercises were opened by reciting a lesson in Wilbur's Catechism. While this was progressing, great emotion pervaded the assembly, until one of the scholars, overcome by his feelings, broke down in his recitation, whereupon a young man who had recently experienced religion arose and led in prayer, at the close of which the whole school was bathed in tears. Nearly all the older scholars were that winter hopefully converted. Similar scenes were witnessed in the Lynn and McClure districts. Mr. Cooke, in his farewell discourse, says, "The cloud of Divine mercy came over us, and rested, not as did the sun in Gibeon and the moon in the valley of Ajalon, for a lengthened day, but for three whole years! Oh! those years of the right hand of the Most High! My soul

hath them still in remembrance." During this time, the church increased from seventy members to two hundred and twelve, and a large portion of the old members were awakened to a higher life.

When Mr. Cooke was settled in 1814, the old meeting-house was reported as greatly in need of repairs; but it was impossible to get a vote of the town to repair it, except upon condition that the other denominations represented by the legal voters should have the privilege of using the house a portion of the time, in proportion to their number. This the Congregationalists were unwilling to agree to, and the house continued to decay, until it leaked so badly that it was impossible to hold meetings in rainy weather. A terrible thunder shower during Sabbath service one day completely flooded it; and measures were immediately taken to build a new one. The pew-holders relinquished their rights, on condition that the materials of the old house should be used in constructing a town-house, which was done in 1821. The new barn belonging to Capt. Ithiel Silsby was fitted up for holding religious services. This barn is now owned by Col. C. K. Brooks, and stands a little north of the church on the east side of the road.

The present church was built in 1821, at a cost of about \$6,000. At the time of its erection, it was one of the largest and best churches in the State outside of the large towns. The frame of the pulpit cushion was made by David Montgomery, and was covered with rich crimson velvet by Miss Sally Nesmith, and trimmed with heavy cord and tassels. Many a person will carry to his dying day the impression made upon his youthful mind by the inscription over the pulpit, "Holiness becometh thy house forever, O Lord of Hosts!" The interior has been completely remodeled—the galleries and the pulpit taken out and ceiling lowered—but the architecture of the outside remains in its original beauty and elaborate finish, and its graceful steeple will, we hope, be admired by generations yet to come. The elevated site of this church and its lofty steeple, together with his own stature and prominence in the State, gave Mr. Cooke the title of "High Priest of New Hampshire." At the dedication of the house, Mr. Cooke preached from I. Chron. xxix. 1, and the next Sabbath from Ezek. xlii. 12.

Mr. Cooke was settled by the town, and until 1820 his salary was collected by tax, those being exempted who were regular supporters of other religious societies. The law, however, was changed in 1819, and it became necessary to vote an appropriation every year. This occasioned a great deal of excitement and dis-



cussion. The town was nearly evenly divided on the point. Col. Duncan was the leading champion of the "standing order." Upon one occasion, as the house was about to be divided upon the question, seeing that his side would be defeated, he obtained the floor, and detained the meeting by reading to them the constitution of New Hampshire, until other voters arrived, or as some say until the lateness of the hour compelled adjournment. Upon another occasion when a division was made a satisfactory count could not be made and the parties filed out of the house, and arranged themselves in two lines, extending down towards the tavern. While they were being counted, one man changed his vote, thus giving a majority of one in favor of raising the salary. The man who changed his vote, afterwards said he seemed to hear a voice saying, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate." After voting for three years to raise the salary, in 1823 it seeming inexpedient to attempt to obtain such a vote, the tax was laid by a committee of the society, in the same way as before. The tax was voluntarily paid, so that practically it made no difference that the town did not vote the appropriation. A change, however, gradually came about, until the tax was laid upon church-members only, which practice has continued until this day. After all others have had the privilege of subscribing what they feel willing to pay, a tax is assessed upon the church-members, which has generally been cheerfully paid.

In the winter of 1826-7 a revival of considerable power was again enjoyed.

Mr. Cooke was dismissed in March, 1829. The cause of his asking for a dismissal, was the disturbance created by the temperance movement. With all their virtues it must be confessed that the early inhabitants of Acworth were far from being total abstinence men. It seems strange to us that these good men could not see the evils of a practice which often brought into disgrace men otherwise respectable, but custom blinded their eyes. Mr. Cooke himself, like nearly all his brethren in the ministry at that period, had been accustomed, at weddings, funerals and other gatherings, to take a social glass, but he entered upon the temperance reform with his usual earnestness and vehemence. His elders and other prominent supporters not being able to change with the same rapidity became almost unanimously opposed to his measures. Mr. Cooke could not brook opposition from those who had always acted with him, therefore he asked for a dismission. On the last Sab-

bath he ministered to them his text in the morning was from Acts xx. 32: "And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified." In the afternoon from Luke xvi. 2: "Give an account of thy stewardship for thou mayest be no longer steward." Mr. Cooke removed to Lebanon, N. H., where he labored nineteen years. He was dismissed in 1848, and removed to Amherst, Mass., where he preached almost constantly to the surrounding churches, until his death, which occurred April 28, 1853. The people of Acworth never lost their attachment to Mr. Cooke, and he fully reciprocated their affection. He was accustomed, after he left Acworth, to tell the following story of

#### THE BAG THAT COULD NOT BE RETURNED.

In the early part of his ministry in one of his pastoral visits, he came to a farm-house among the hills, where he was received as New Englanders welcomed their minister in the "olden days." The visit over, the good old horse and chaise waiting at the door, the lady of the house gave him a bag containing samples of her beef or pork, fowls, butter or cheese, or some articles for the comfort of his household. On subsequent visits he sought to return the bag, but invariably failed—the bag, somehow, being always found well filled in his chaise on his arrival home.

The warp of this magic bag was spun from—"The laborer is worthy of his hire," "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." The woof from the native generosity of the Scotch-Irish heart. This was not an isolated case; there were many such hearts in the homes among the hills of Acworth. In this respect the children have not forgotten the habits of the fathers.

On the morning of the installation of his successor, Mr. Cooke was seen walking in great agitation to and fro near the church. On being approached by a friend, he said, "This ought never to have been. A little yielding on my part, and a little on theirs, and all might have been well." He was buried at his own request among the people of his first love, and an appropriate monument marks his resting-place, the gift of a loving people.

Soon after Mr. Cooke left, stoves were for the first time introduced into the church. "The old meeting-house was especially cold in the winter, and those who came from distant parts of the town, on the coldest days, sat during the long sermons of Mr.





*Rev Joseph Merrill.*

Kimball almost perishing with the cold, while he preached in woolen mittens." The women nearly all carried foot-stoves, and multitudes of them were replenished at noon at the house of James Wallace. Serious objection was made by many to the introduction of stoves. Great fears were entertained of burning down the meeting-house. They were, however, introduced, notwithstanding the fainting of a few nervous people, and the house has stood to the present day unharmed by fire.

Rev. Moses Grosvenor was settled over this church, October 14, 1829. He was a sound and earnest preacher, but not being suited to the character of the people, his ministry was short. He was dismissed, April 25, 1832. His wife taught a school for young ladies while here, and it is believed through her efforts every one of her pupils not previously converted, was brought to Jesus. This revival also included many others, some heads of families.

Rev. Joseph Merrill was settled, October 16, 1833. He was born in 1778, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1806. He was settled in Dracut, Mass., where he had a long and useful ministry. During a pastorate in Acworth of nearly five years, "he was favored with the confidence and affection of the people." Mr. Merrill was erect and dignified in person, genial and affable in his manners, and sound and interesting as a preacher. He was blessed with an interesting work of grace in this parish. This work began with a church visitation, such as has often been made in this church. The plan has usually been for the brethren to go two by two into every family represented in the church, for the purpose of religious conversation. Good results have usually followed. At this time also, a four days' meeting was held, at which neighboring ministers were invited to preach. On the closing day of the meeting, forty or fifty persons assembled in the town-house at an inquiry meeting. At this time Rev. Mr. Burchard, then attracting much attention, was preaching in Springfield, Vt. A majority of the church were eager to have him come to Acworth, while some very substantial members stood aloof. He came and the work went on. January 11, 1835, ninety-three were received into the church. A mistake was made in receiving these into communion, in the midst of the intense excitement, yet too much prejudice has existed in reference to those professing conversion in connection with Mr. Burchard's labors. Of those who had previously been regular attendants upon public worship here, and those that remained in town long afterwards, few compara-

tively fell away. Mr. Merrill was dismissed, July, 1838. He died in 1848, aged seventy years. For three years the church was without a pastor. Rev. Thomas Edwards was settled in 1841, and dismissed in 1843. During his ministry the parsonage was built. Rev. R. W. Fuller succeeded Mr. Edwards, and was for two years stated supply.

Rev. Edwin S. Wright, a graduate of Union College, was ordained and installed pastor of the church, January 7, 1846. To him the people became warmly attached. He was a good preacher, an excellent pastor, and was the instrument of great good in the parish. In 1847 a revival was enjoyed, and in 1852-3 the spirit of God visited the people with still greater power. He was dismissed in 1856 on account of his wife's health, and was settled over the Presbyterian Church in Fredonia, N. Y., where he still labors. He has received the degree of D. D. since he left Acworth.

On the 18th of February, 1857, Rev. Amos Foster was installed pastor of the church. He was not a stranger to Acworth. The "Ladies Charitable Society" had lent him a helping hand, while obtaining his education. He had supplied the pulpit during a temporary absence of Mr. Cooke, and the people felt that in some sense they had a share in him. It seemed eminently appropriate therefore, that after a ministry of thirty years elsewhere, he should return and finish his work here. He was dismissed, June 13, 1866, on account of infirm health and advancing years, greatly to the regret of all his people, for he was much beloved, not only in this, but in the adjoining towns. He retired to a home he had provided for himself in Putney, Vt., where he now resides, preaching as his health permits.

The same council that dismissed Mr. Foster installed his successor, Rev. J. L. Merrill, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and of Princeton Theological Seminary, and the present pastor of the church.

The whole membership from the beginning has been about 800. Present membership, 142, which is about the average proportion that the members of the Congregational Church have borne to the population of the town since the settlement of Mr. Cooke. For many years a large proportion of the young people who have united with the church have emigrated. Taking at random a single page of the church records, it was found that two-thirds of those whose membership had ceased, had been dismissed to other churches. On the hills of Acworth, this church has been doing a



*J. L. Merrill,*





great missionary work in raising up ministers, ministers' wives, officers and lay-members for other churches. Rev. Messrs. Charles Boyter, Jonathan Leavitt, D. D., Abner B. Warner, D. S. Brainard, and others, have been stated supplies in this church.

#### SKETCH OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH.\*

The Baptist Church in Acworth was constituted November 8, 1809, consisting of seventeen members. For some time previous to this date, several Baptist families resided in town, who often met together for prayer and conference. After the organization of the church the members met regularly for religious service, in school-houses and private dwellings, and as they were destitute of a pastor, Joseph Blanchard was chosen to lead them in spiritual things, and a good state of religious feeling was enjoyed. Frequent conversions occurred, and accessions were made to the church from time to time. The services, also, of neighboring pastors were frequently obtained, to preach and administer the ordinances; and their labors, with the prayers of the faithful, were blessed in very many instances to the conversion of souls. This state of things continued with little variation, until 1818, when the church felt their need of a suitable place of worship. Accordingly a neat and commodious house of worship was erected on a site about one-fourth of a mile east of the center village.

It was not until November, 1822, that this church secured the labors of a regular pastor, the Rev. Theophilus B. Adams, of Wilmot, N. H. We here find a period of thirteen years of destitution of ordained ministers, yet from the records it appears that they were favored with the labors of two licensed ministers, David Cummings and Alfred Abel, who were very successful in winning souls to Christ. The church was edified and blessed under their ministrations, and in order to have the ordinances maintained and administered, these brethren made frequent exchanges with ordained ministers. It was the practice of this church not to forsake the assembling of themselves together on the Sabbath, even when they had no one to break to them the Bread of Life, and these seasons of destitution of the preached word by His servants were highly interesting and profitable. Much of the interest enjoyed by this church, when they had no one to go in and out before them, and to preach the gospel, may be attributed to the faithfulness of the devoted brother, Joseph Blanchard, who was elected to

---

\* This sketch was written by Rev. J. L. Whittemore, and approved by the church.

the office of deacon. Rev. Mr. Adams continued in the pastorate of this church about nine years. He was regarded as an acceptable and successful pastor; a revival was enjoyed under his ministry. In May, 1831, he resigned, and settled with the Baptist Church in Unity.

The church was again supplied by Rev. David Cummings, as formerly, until November, 1833, when Rev. Levi Walker assumed the pastorate, preaching one-half of the time here, and the other half in Unity. He was succeeded by Rev. Charles Farrer, who supplied this church and the Unity church alternately, as his predecessor had done.

Some time in 1838, the church employed Mr. J. R. Greene, of Cavendish, Vt., as supply, and in June, 1839, the church voted to give him a call, which he accepted, and on the 10th of July following he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, by an ecclesiastical council called for that purpose. His term of service with this church was short, but it was attended with the Divine blessing, and many were gathered into the fold of Christ as the fruit of his labors. In the winter or spring of 1840, Mr. Greene resigned, and in April the church voted him a letter of recommendation, and dismission to another field of labor. They then secured the services of Rev. Charles Farrer, a former pastor, for some part of the time. His labors were discontinued in 1841, and he was succeeded by Rev. Charles M. Willard, who remained but a short time. In 1842, Rev. Leland Huntley supplied the pulpit one-half the time for one year; 1843 appears to have been a year of destitution of preaching except as the church could obtain occasional supplies.

In the spring of 1844, the church obtained the services of Rev. Charles R. Nichols for one-half the time. During this year, the church desiring a more eligible and convenient location for their house of worship, it was accordingly taken down and moved to the center of the town, and rebuilt, remodeled, enlarged and finished in a more modern style; and on the 15th of June it was rededicated to the worship of God. Soon after the re-opening of the house Mr. Nichols closed his labors, and the church was again left without a pastor.

In the autumn of this year, the Lord directed one of his servants this way, the Rev. A. H. House, who became pastor of the church, and unlike many of his predecessors, gave his entire time and energies to the work of the ministry. It does not appear from the records that a revival was enjoyed or any accessions

made to the church, yet he was regarded as a good pastor. In the year 1846, the church was again without a pastor, but in October of this year they secured the services of Rev. Lorenzo Tandy, a licentiate, who preached one year without any particular change in the prospects or condition of the church.

In November, 1847, Rev. David Wright, residing in Claremont, commenced preaching one-half the time for this people, without anything of special importance in the church. He was succeeded by the Rev. Caleb Brown, September 1, 1849. Mr. Brown's ministry extended from this date until November, 1851, and even after this date he is spoken of as supplying, on one or two occasions. Though no special revival was enjoyed under his ministry, yet he is spoken of as an acceptable preacher. The services of the Rev. Amzi Jones were enjoyed by this church a part of the time during the years 1853-4. The church was united under his labors, and his preaching was acceptable.

The Rev. David Gage commenced to labor one-half of his time as pastor of this church in May, 1855, and continued without interruption until the spring of 1862, preaching alternately to the church in Acworth and Marlow. Mr. Gage continued in the pastorate longer than any of his predecessors except Mr. Adams, and his ministry was characterized by great harmony and peace among the members, and though no general or special revival was enjoyed, yet the church was often blessed by heavenly seasons, and additions were made to it as the result of his labors.

In September of 1862, the church was blessed with the preaching of Mr. W. H. Eaton, a licentiate of the Baptist Church in Hopkinton, N. H. After supplying the church for some months they voted him a unanimous call, which he accepted, and accordingly was ordained publicly to the work of the gospel ministry, by an ecclesiastical council, June 18, 1863. Nothing of special importance occurred until the next year, when the church was called to pass through a severe trial in the death of one of her most devoted and efficient members, Dea. John Pearson. In this brief sketch we cannot say all that might justly be said concerning this worthy brother, but his sterling worth is still fresh in our memory, and it will never be effaced. Suffice it to say that through life he maintained an exemplary walk and an increasing attachment to the church. In the same year, 1864, while the church was lamenting the loss of their senior deacon, the pastor offered his resignation, thus adding sorrow to sorrow. The records of the

church show the deep regret they felt in parting with one whose labors and preaching had been blessed to the edification of the church, and the good of souls.

The resignation of Mr. Eaton in August, 1864, is followed by a long period of destitution of pastoral labor, or the preaching of the word, except occasional Sabbath supplies. But in this interval, which extended from August, 1864, to March, 1867, the members availed themselves of the privileges of the Congregational and Methodist Churches, where they were regular attendants upon the means of grace. Besides, it was the practice of this church to meet statedly for prayer every Sabbath evening, in this time of destitution, and those seasons of prayer on "Grout Hill" will long be remembered as the place where the Lord has met and blessed his people.

In March, 1867, the Rev. J. L. Whittemore, the present incumbent, visited this church by request of a former pastor, and after supplying a few Sabbaths entered upon the duties of the pastorate at once, by the unanimous vote of the church. Public services were commenced at this time in Union Hall, in the South Village of this town, the church feeling themselves better accommodated there than at their church in the center. Many of the families connected with the Baptist denomination had moved, or had their residences in the river valley of this town, and therefore, to have their house of worship more easy of access, an effort was made in the autumn of 1867, to take it down and rebuild it at the South Village. This effort was crowned with success, so that on the 2d of July, 1868, the house of worship was again re-opened and re-dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. In connection also with the above named services was one of public recognition of their pastor, which service had been deferred to some appropriate place or opportunity.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." During the fifty-nine years of its history, this church has received to its communion 253 members. Present membership, 67. The following persons have been elected to the office of deacon: Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Chatterton, Dan. Orcutt, John Pearson, Horace Campbell, Winslow Allen, Elisha Kempton, George W. Young.

#### SKETCH OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

As was the case in many towns, the Congregational Church had a commencement nearly coeval with the charter of the town.

The hardships common to pioneer life, and the trials connected with their depressed circumstances were met and endured with Christian fortitude, and a high tone of piety, for those days, existed throughout the town. The Congregational Church was all that was needed, and fully satisfied their desire. After a time, as other people settled in town, the Baptist denomination formed an organization, and built a house of worship. These two were then all that were needed, or could be properly supported.

In 1833, Mrs. Dorcas Campbell, wife of Isaac Campbell, came into town. She was a native of Blairsville, Penn., and inherited much of the activity and energy common to the people of that State. Before coming to Acworth she lived for a time in New York city, and was converted under the preaching of the Rev. Cyrus Prindall, and joined the Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, from which she brought a letter, when she came to Acworth, but there being no M. E. Church in town she united with the Marlow M. E. Church, and with her husband attended meeting in that place. In the year 1834, Rev. J. L. Smith preached in Marlow and vicinity, and Mrs. Campbell invited him to come and preach in Acworth. In compliance with her invitation, he made a week-day evening appointment, and preached in the school-house on "Grout Hill." This is the first sermon that we know was preached in Acworth by a Methodist clergyman. There was at this time but little interest in Methodism in town, and but little was accomplished. The next year Rev. J. L. Smith was appointed to another field of labor, and nothing was done for the benefit of Methodism here. Isaac Campbell and wife still attended meeting in Marlow, but were very desirous that something might be done to secure Methodist preaching in their immediate vicinity.

In 1836, J. L. Smith and N. Ladd were appointed to the Marlow circuit. Early in that year, Rev. J. L. Smith began preaching in the school-house in the south part of Acworth. During this year some interest was awakened, and Lois Brown, daughter of Francis Brown, was converted and joined the class in Marlow, but as she could not avail herself of the privileges of a church at a distance, she for the time united with the Baptist Church, and when a Methodist Church was formed she removed her relation to that. She afterwards married George Houston, and died in 1844, early in life, but rich in faith. During the year 1836, Henry Smith invited Rev. N. Ladd to come to his house and preach—the first family that opened their doors for Methodist preaching. During

this year some interest was manifested, and a few individuals were converted and united with the Marlow church. From this time until 1842, there was no Methodist preaching in town.

In the winter of 1841, Ebenezer Jones and wife, members of the Congregational Church, became interested in Methodism as they saw its workings in Marlow, under the pastoral labors of the Revs. H. Nutter and C. H. Eastman, consequently they were invited to come and hold meetings in the South Acworth school-house, which was accordingly complied with. A good degree of interest was manifested, which was the commencement of a revival. These were followed by Sabbath evening appointments, the first of which was filled by Rev. H. Nutter, who preached a plain and impressive sermon. At the close of the sermon, the following hymn was sung by one present:

“ Alas ! and did my Saviour bleed !  
And did my Sovereign die !  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I ? ” &c.,

which had its immediate effect upon the congregation. At the close of the meeting an appointment was left for Rev. A. Quimby, who found the house full to overflowing. The revival interest continued to deepen and increase until it was thought advisable to establish Methodist preaching, which was done in 1842, by annexing Acworth to Marlow circuit, and appointing Revs. H. Nutter and C. H. Eastman to the pastoral care of the two churches. During this year a class was formed by Rev. H. Nutter, consisting of the following persons, viz.: Ebenezer Jones, leader, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Eleb Hardy, Loren Morse, Luke Nichols, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Doreas Campbell, John B. Hardy, Mrs. Hepzibah Hardy, Susanna Ware, John Osgood, Mrs. Nancy Mason, Mrs. Roxanna Osgood, Miss Lois Brown, Enoch George, Mrs. Hannah Ware, Mrs. Sarah George. Of this number ten have died, viz.: Mrs. Jones, John B. Hardy, John Osgood, Roxanna Osgood, Eleb Hardy, Susanna Ware, Nancy Mason, Lois Brown, Doreas Campbell, and Sarah George. The year commenced with favorable indications for establishing a Methodist Church in town, and the interest continued through the year, so that at the next conference Acworth was made a separate charge, and Rev. H. Nutter appointed to the pastoral care of the same. During this year, the first Sabbath-school connected with this church was formed, and William Hayward was chosen superintendent.

In 1843, another class was formed, in the middle of the town, numbering twenty-four members, and one in the east part, numbering seven. Having no church edifice, meetings were held during the summer in the town-house, and during the winter in "Concert Hall." The year's labors, though at times hard, and performed under discouraging circumstances, on account of the prejudices existing between different denominations at that time, were blessed in the conversion of some who connected themselves with the church. The success which crowned the united labors of pastor and people, caused them to feel that they needed a house of their own, and resolve to build one, which was soon commenced under the supervision of William Hayward, Ransom Severns and Elijah Cram, building committee. The house was completed in 1844, at a cost of \$2,500; located at the center of the town; material, wood; size, 40 by 56. It was dedicated in October, 1844, by Rev. Elihu Scott, who preached to a large and attentive audience. The members of the church at this time numbered about sixty. A small debt still remained upon the house, but it was soon cancelled, and it was deeded to the trustees of the M. E. Church.

Mr. Nutter closed his labors in connection with this charge this year, and was followed by Rev. J. Perkins, who preached during the years 1845-6. He was a faithful laborer in his Master's vineyard, and was much beloved by the people of his charge. In 1846-7-8 he was one of the council of the Governor of New Hampshire. In 1851-2 he was Representative of his district in the Congress of the United States. He died in 1854, at his own home, in Winchester, aged 61 years, full of faith and hope of heaven. Mr. Perkins was followed by Rev. L. Draper, who remained during the year 1847. By his personal effort the debt of the church was paid. In 1848-9, Charles Greenwood was appointed to labor one-half the time in this town. In 1850, S. P. Heath, a man of earnest piety, labored with and for the people of this charge, and was much beloved by them. In 1851, Charles H. Chase and George N. Bryant preached alternately at Unity and Acworth. Peace and quietude prevailed throughout our church. In 1852, Charles H. Chase lived at South Acworth, and preached a part of the time at the center, and a part in the school-house at South Acworth. Some interest was excited and a few were added to the church.

In 1853, Rev. J. M. Blake preached one-half the time in Gil-

sum, and the other half in this town. He was devoted to the work, and labored with the energy and zeal of one who feels the importance of the trust committed to his care. The members of the church were becoming discouraged on account of the distance many of them lived from the place of worship. The bad traveling in winter, and the close proximity to the other churches, rendered it very hard to sustain meetings. Mr. Blake conceived the idea of moving the church edifice to South Acworth, believing himself, and seeking to inspire in others the feeling that it would be a success, for it seemed reasonable that many who did not attend meeting might be influenced to do so, and the society could be much better accommodated. The necessary plans were made for moving it, and Mr. Blake spent much time in making these arrangements, and his efforts seemed to meet with Divine approval. In 1854, he preached in Gilsum and Alstead, and in 1855 in Cornish. Here in the midst of labors and usefulness he was prostrated by sickness, from which he never fully recovered, but after a time he was able to preach one sermon on the Sabbath, which he did for about two years, and performed some manual labor. In 1857, while visiting friends in Bristol and Hill, he preached twice, which effort so overcame him that he became convinced that his work was nearly done, and what remaining strength he had must be spent in providing a home for his family. Before that work was fully accomplished, he was called from labor to reward. In Cornish, on the 24th of July, 1858, after having returned from business out of town, and having eaten his supper, he was taken suddenly with bleeding at the lungs, and in one-half hour calmly and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, aged 40 years.

In 1854, being in an unsettled state in regard to moving the house, there was no preaching until December, when Rev. David Culver was sent by the presiding elder to preach the remainder of the year at the school-house at South Acworth, and was returned in 1855 to preach another year. During this year, the work of finishing the church, which had been moved to South Acworth the preceding autumn, was completed, under the superintendence of Harvey Howard, Benjamin Nichols, and Isaac Campbell, at a cost of \$1,800. It was finished on the 9th of July, and reopened on the 10th. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Newell Culver, presiding elder of Claremont district, which was followed by a ministerial association of the preachers of Claremont district.



In 1856, Nelson Green received an appointment to labor in Gilsum and Acworth, and we had preaching only one-half the time. Nothing of importance occurred, except that in our new location the congregation increased, and the interests of the church began to brighten.

In 1857, Ira Carter lived in Springfield, Vt., and supplied here part of the time; but living at a distance, but little time, except the Sabbath, was spent with the people of his charge. This seemed to have a deleterious effect upon our interests as a church, and it was thought best to secure the services of one who would live among us, and unite with us in all our services during the week as well as on the Sabbath; and Rev. Artemas C. Field, licentiate of the Congregational Church, was hired to preach, by permission of the presiding elder, during the years 1858-9, living with us.

In 1860, Rev. A. K. Howard received an appointment to this place. During 1860-1-2, he officiated as pastor.

In 1863, Rev. Chester Dingman was sent to this charge. He labored faithfully for the good of those committed to his care. Believers were quickened, and twenty-five persons professed a hope in Christ. Of this number, fourteen united with the Methodist Church, two with the Baptist, and two with the Congregational Church. In 1864, Mr. Dingman was returned, and labored to promote the interests of the church during the year.

In 1865-6, Rev. J. H. Hillman, an earnest worker in the cause of Christ, ministered to this church in spiritual things.

In 1867, Mr. J. H. Lord dispensed the words of life from the sacred desk.

In 1868, Rev. H. Dorr was appointed to South Acworth. A good degree of interest has been manifested. Ten persons have professed a hope in Christ, eight of whom have connected themselves with the church. Our house of worship has been repaired, at a cost of \$300, and we now have a pleasant and convenient home in which to worship the God of our fathers, with none to molest or make us afraid.

We have an interesting Sabbath-school, numbering 132, with an average attendance of 75; 275 volumes in the library; M. E. Smith, Superintendent, and Frank Howard, Librarian. The church membership is 53 in full communion, and 8 probationers.

## CHAPTER III.

### THE MILITARY HISTORY.

---

THE people of Acworth have been noted for the unanimity and earnestness with which enterprises of a public nature have been prosecuted. This trait in their character may be seen in the cordial support given to the military system of the State. While this system required a certain amount of service which by many communities was deemed a hardship, the people of Acworth regarded such service as both an honor and a pleasure. Through the first half of the century, a military spirit was fostered and encouraged. The war of 1812-15 called many of the young men of that period into active service. Capt. James M. Warner and Capt. David Blanchard were of this class, and after the close of the war it was through the influence of these young officers and others, that a military spirit was diffused among the people, which was felt in every household. About this period, in addition to the two militia companies then existing, a light infantry volunteer company was organized. Itiel Silsby was its first Captain. It was composed of fifty men only, each of whom, according to its rules, must be at least five feet ten inches in height. Being well officered and tastefully uniformed, it was accounted a fine company. The uniform consisted of black coat faced with scarlet trimmings, with four and a half dozen gilt buttons, and twelve yards gilt cord; black pants, with cord up the seams. The first uniforms were made from cloth which Miss Sally Nesmith had manufactured from wool taken from a flock of sheep she had purchased from the estate of Joshua Lancaster, after his death. Most of these uniforms were made up by her. The following incident is related to show the spirit of the company:—Early one morning the chickens and children at James Davidson's were awakened by martial music and the firing of guns. It was the light infantry, come to escort their Captain to the muster ground, which they did in fine style, after partaking of a bountiful breakfast. This was a frequent practice. It was disbanded in 1827.

A company of cavalry, extending through the Sixteenth Regiment, was organized at an earlier period, and Acworth furnished a share of its officers and men. Under ambitious and efficient commanders, a friendly rivalry sprang up, and continued for many years between the two old militia companies, each endeavoring to excel the other in soldierly qualities and equipments. Each new commander strove to improve upon his predecessor, until at length every soldier was in complete uniform, arms and equipments in perfect order, and military fines unknown. For several years these companies numbered about one hundred men each, and each had its own pioneer force, its camp equipage, and its train of baggage wagons,—each performing its military drill and evolutions with as much precision and skill as the best volunteer company. This state of things gave to Acworth an enviable military reputation among the surrounding towns. The modification of the militia laws in 1851 put an end to all further military display in Acworth. The *spirit*, however, still slumbered in the breast of her sons, to be aroused at their country's call in the late rebellion, when many of their number cheerfully left home and friends to aid in her defense, and about one-third of whom sealed their devotion to their country with their lives.

A military band of music was organized in 1834, and under the skillful leadership of Maj. E. Cummings, soon became popular. It was afterwards merged into the South Acworth Cornet Band, and now, under the same veteran leader, its efficiency is well known and acknowledged.

## LIST OF COMMANDERS OF THE SEVERAL MILITARY COMPANIES.

## CAVALRY.

Sprague West,	James Wallace,	Daniel McClure.
Andrew Woodbury,	Samuel King,	

## LIGHT INFANTRY.

Ithiel Silsby,	James Davidson,	Samuel McClure,
Edward Woodbury,	Adam Wallace,	Allen Haywood,
Stephen Thornton,		

## INFANTRY UNDER THE OLD ORGANIZATION.

William Keyes,	Joseph Gregg,	Eusebius Silsby,
Daniel Mack,	John Duncan, after-	Jonathan Silsby,
James McClure,	wards Colonel,	John Rogers.

## SECOND COMPANY.

William Oreutt,	Robert Clark,	Amos Woodbury,
Ebenezer Grout, after-	Nathaniel Davidson,	Martin Mason,
wards Colonel,	Jonathan Gove,	Abel Bailey,
Gawin Gilmore,	David Blanchard,	Orson Hemphill,

Joel Tracy,	Daniel Gay, afterwards	Calvin Wallace,
Amos Clark,	Major,	James M. Reed, after-
John S. Symonds, after-	James L. Mitchell,	wards Major,
wards Colonel,	Robert Clark, afterwards	Joseph F. Moore,
Ebenezer Grout, Jr.,	Colonel,	Freeman Pearson,
Samuel M. Angier,	J. Sumner Gove,	Thomas B. Bachelor.
	John M. Barnard,	

## SIXTH COMPANY.

James Dickey,	Alexander Graham,	Benjamin S. King,
Joel Angier,	Hugh Finlay,	Samuel A. King,
James M. Warner,	Nathaniel G. Davis,	James E. King, after-
Larnard Thayer,	Daniel J. Warner,	wards Colonel,
Eleb Hardy,	Elisha A. Parks,	Daniel Nye,
Daniel Nourse,	William C. Woodbury,	Shepherd L. Bowers,
Jesse Slader, afterwards	Charles M. Woodbury,	Joseph Ware,
Lieutenant-Colonel,	Joseph F. Wallace, after-	Orrison J. Williams.
Thomas Ball,	wards Colonel,	

In 1806, the citizens voted to have a flag. The material was procured from Boston, and the ladies of the village met in Samuel Slader's Hall, and made a beautiful flag, twenty feet in length. The eagle and stars were of white, cut out by David Wilson, and sewed on blue ground. The flag was raised on a tall pole on muster day near the hall, but a high wind nearly blew it to pieces.

The "company" and "general muster" days were the great holidays of the year. The 4th of July was first celebrated in 1808. The tables were set north and south on the common, and they were furnished with a substantial dinner, prepared by Mr. Amos Keyes who then kept the tavern. There were also speeches and music, and the affair was closed with a ball in the evening, in the upper rooms of Keyes' tavern.

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The settlement was but in its infancy when the War for Independence broke out, but the active part it took in the struggle has been shown in the Centennial Address. Cheshire County was especially active and forward in the contest, and Acworth was not behind her sister towns. A single incident will illustrate the feeling of the times :

By great industry, Christopher Ayres and his mother had built their cabin, and harvested their first crop of rye. When an old man, Ayres would tell how they threshed the grain out upon the ground, and put it "four bushels in a bag," and then sat down and cried for very joy, and his mother fell on her knees and thanked God. But the news of the need of men to carry on the war with the mother country reached their ears. Their neighbor, Mr.

Houston, had told them if the king had his way, a poor man might work all day for a "calf's head and pluck," as in the old country Ayres felt called upon to go and fight for his independence, and communicating his thoughts to his mother, she cried, "Go, Cris, and the Lord go with ye, and I will stay and mind the cabin." While she was there alone in her cabin, the rye being nicely stored in the loft "four bushels in a bag," the cabin took fire, when out went the bags of rye as "easily as though they were bags of beach leaves, for the old lady was a *powerful* woman, weighing more than fifteen stone (two hundred and ten pounds), and could put her son aside when he was a man."

Acworth lay very near the war-path by which the New Hampshire militia flocked to cut off the advance of Gen Burgoyne's army into New York, and her hardy sons, in great numbers, joined the eager militia. They were among the so-called "backwoodsmen" of New Hampshire who showed at Bennington, Stillwater and Saratoga, what so many doubted, that the militia could face the British soldiery without the protection of entrenchments. How many of the following list were among the number, who, under Capt. Bellows, joined the militia at that time, we cannot tell. This memorable and decisive campaign, however, was doubtless the occasion of recording this list of men, who had, up to September, 1777, served in the army from nine days to five months. It must be remembered that the quota of Acworth was only five, and that five years before she had only twenty-five voters:

Samuel Harper, 1 year and 8 months,	Samuel Silsby, Jr.,	Thomas Putnam,
John Wilson, Jr.,	Alexander Houston,	Capt. Henry Silsby,
John Duncan,	Capt. William Keyes,	Robert McClure,
John Rogers,	Christopher Ayres,	William Rogers,
Peter Ewins,	William Markham,	William Clark,
F. Willoughby Willard,	John Wilson,	Solon Grout,
Samuel Smith,	Jedediah Smith,	Joseph Chatterton,
Henry Silsby, Jr.,	Jonathan Silsby,	James Rogers,
Frederic Keyes,	James Wallace,	Julius Silsby,
Thomas Nott,	David Cross,	Paris Richardson,
Lieut. Keyes,	Dean Carleton,	Daniel Mack,
	James Campbell,	James McClure.

LIST OF REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS WHO HAVE LIVED IN TOWN.

Joseph Blanchard,	John McKeen,	Charles Mathewson,
Lasell Silsby,	Robert McClure,	Samuel Bradford,
Lemuel Blood,	William Grout,	Stephen Thornton,
Supply Reed,	Joshua Lancaster,	Issacher Mayo,
Jacob Hayward,	Moses Warren,	Joel Turner,
Samuel Lufkin,	Phineas Blood,	Aaron Blanchard,
Amos Ingalls,	Daniel Campbell,	Eusebius Silsby.
Joseph Markham,		

## LIST OF OTHER REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS,

WHO EITHER DIED OR REMOVED FROM TOWN BEFORE THEY BECAME ENTITLED  
TO A PENSION BY LAW.

Josiah Smith,	Thomas Slader,	James Campbell, 2d,
Timothy Cross,	John Reed was in the	Robert McClure, Sr.,
Joseph Whitney,	battle of Bunker Hill,	James McClure.
Mathew Grier,	James Campbell, 1st,	

To this list may be added the name of Thomas Davis, who never would take the pension, which he called "the wages of unrighteousness."

## WAR OF 1812.

Several from this town enlisted into the regular army during the war of 1812. The greatest excitement, however, was in 1814. The people along the New Hampshire coast had lived in continual alarm throughout the season, and many troops had been sent to Portsmouth for its defense. Finally, on the 7th of September, orders were issued for detachments from twenty-three regiments of militia to march immediately to Portsmouth. So great was the enthusiasm that whole companies were eager to go in a mass, and a draft had to be made to see who should stay, rather than to see who should go.

Of the Acworth militia, Cyrus Lufkin, James Brown, Thomas Oliver and John Smith enlisted, September 21st, for three months, in the first regiment of detached militia. On the 25th of September, quite a number were drafted into the second regiment of detached militia, viz.: James M. Warner, Captain; David Blanchard, Third Lieutenant; Benjamin Grout, Sergeant; Thomas Ball, Matthew M. Campbell, Ambrose Alexander, Joseph Barney, Calvin Clark, Thomas P. Alexander, David W. Clyde, James Davidson, privates. The following persons were in Captain Glidden's company: Silas Angier, John Smith, Samuel Graves, Rawson Angier. The following persons were in other companies of the detached militia: Richard Tinker, Asa Whitcomb, David Smith. The following were in the regular army: Robert Rogers, John Graves, John Whitney, John McMurphey, Alexander McMurphy.

## WAR OF THE REBELLION.

The "war record" of Acworth in the late rebellion, is one for which she has no cause to blush. Her selectmen, in nearly all cases, performed the duty of recruiting officers, and the several calls of government were promptly met, and her quotas filled. Her citizens, very unanimously, were disposed to make the arduous and trying duties of a soldier's life more endurable, by granting generous bounties, and rendering material aid, if necessary, to



David Blandhard.





the soldiers' families. Men from all classes of society responded to the country's call, ready to face death, if need be, upon the battle-field. Parents gave their only sons; husbands and fathers left their wives and little ones and the endearments of home, and rushed to the scenes of danger; while nearly one-third of their entire number never again looked upon wife or children, home or friends. Their blood mingles with the soil of many a hard-fought battle-field, and many of their bodies lie buried where they saw the last of earth. May their memories be cherished by every son and daughter of Acworth.

LIST OF SOLDIERS IN THE LATE WAR,  
RESIDENTS OR NATIVES OF THE TOWN.

Galen Grout, Second New Hampshire Regiment; wounded.  
 John G. Graham, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Elisha M. Kempton, Third New Hampshire Regiment; wounded.  
 William P. Scott, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Samuel McDuffee, Company A, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Samuel V. McDuffee, Company A, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Melville C. Howard, Company A, Third New Hampshire Regiment; died of wounds.  
 Asa M. Dodge, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 John S. Osgood, Fourth Vermont Regiment.  
 James H. Hull, Company L, New England Cavalry.  
 Henry C. Lawton, Company L, New England Cavalry.  
 George Warner, Second New York Cavalry.  
 Carlos McNab, — Vermont Regiment.  
 Samuel Bradford, — Vermont Regiment; died.  
 Frank Grout, — Massachusetts Regiment.  
 Joseph Buswell, severely wounded.  
 Erskine Dickey.  
 Clinton Slader.  
 Charles D. Robinson, enlisted from Claremont.  
 Damon Bailey.  
 Nathaniel G. Brooks, Assistant Surgeon.  
 Milton P. Parks.  
 Jacob F. Hayward, Quartermaster Ninety-Eighth New York Regiment.  
 Sylvester Campbell, Assistant Surgeon Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 David E. M. Dodge, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment; died.  
 Milton C. Davis, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Salmon T. J. Davis, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 William F. Whitman, Company A, Third New Hampshire Regiment; killed.  
 Porter Monroe, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Freeman H. Campbell, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment; wounded.  
 Calvin D. Peck, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Theodore F. Finlay, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment; died.  
 Henry M. Buckminster, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment; died.  
 George B. Field, Company A, Third New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Theron Duncan, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment; killed.  
 John B. Duncan, Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment; killed.

Edwin A. Howe, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment ; died.  
 Samuel O. Smith.  
 George F. Youngman, Third New Hampshire Regiment, wounded.  
 Chester T. Wheeler, Company I, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Charles W. Wheeler, Company I, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment ; killed.  
 Asa E. Howe, Company D, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment ; killed.  
 Daniel W. George, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment ; wounded.  
 A. Morrison George, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment ; wounded.  
 Joshua Howe, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Henry T. Buss, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment ; wounded.  
 Junius Hayward, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 William Dudley, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment ; died.  
 Azal H. Church, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Benjamin Howe, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Joseph E. George, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Henry N. George, Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment ; died.  
 Lyman B. Hardy, Company F, Sixth New Hampshire Regiment ; wounded.  
 James H. Wheeler, Company G, Ninth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 William Graves, Company I, Eleventh New Hampshire Regiment ; killed.  
 George P. Dickey, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 George M. Gowen, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Charles R. Gowen, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Joseph A. Dickey, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Charles E. Foster, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Freeman E. Brackett, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Harlan P. Allen, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Edwin S. Chatterton, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Amos Harding, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment ; died.  
 Charles H. Cooper, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Robert T. M. Prentiss, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Robert D. Gleason, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Henry D. Putnam, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment ; died.  
 Horace Buswell, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 Willie Prentiss, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment ; killed.  
 Leonard O. Bixby, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment.  
 William H. Severans, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Charles A. Lawton, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Marden Warner, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 John F. Paige, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 George C. Foster, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Isaac N. Chapman, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Henry Hull, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Amos Bixby, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Joseph A. Allen, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Henry J. Davis, (non resident,) First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Francis Brown, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 John Buswell, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery.  
 Sanford H. Bascom, Company E, First U. S. Sharpshooters.  
 Charles E. Spencer, Company E, First U. S. Sharpshooters ; wounded.  
 Asa R. Bixby, Company G, Second U. S. Sharpshooters ; killed.  
 Austin Grout, Fourth Vermont Regiment ; killed.  
 Harrison Grout, Fourth Vermont Regiment ; died.  
 Willie W. Davis, Fourth Vermont Regiment.

Gardiner Buswell.

Abram Buswell, in a Massachusetts Regiment.

Thomas Clark, Lieutenant-Colonel Twenty-Seventh Ohio Regiment.

Freeman H. Campbell, enlisted from Marlow.

George E. Warner, Captain.

Emery A. Howard, enlisted from Newbury, Vermont.

Martin Woodbury, enlisted from Pittsburg, New Hampshire.

Albert R. Hull, enlisted from Wilton, New Hampshire.

Thomas McMillen.

Hiram O. Thayer, Eighty-Third New York Regiment.

LIST OF ENROLLED MEN, RESIDENTS OF ACWORTH, WHO FURNISHED SUBSTITUTES IN THE LATE WAR.

Aaron S. Finlay,	Alexander G. Graham,	Dean C. George,
Galen Allen,	George Bailey,	George Smith,
Joab N. Davis,	George Walker,	Hiram N. Hayward,
John F. Page,	John F. Dickey,	Benjamin L. Eaton,
James A. Dickey,	George M. Heard,	Henry F. Burnham,
Solon S. King,	James M. Reed,	James W. Fiske,
Solon S. Finlay,	Samuel Slader,	Francis S. Trow.
Amos F. Buswell,	Liberty R. Hardy,	

SKETCHES OF THE ACWORTH SOLDIERS

WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WAR FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE REBELLION.

DAMON BAILEY.

Damon Bailey, eldest son of Emlon A. and Polly Bailey, was born in Acworth, December 27, 1843. In 1861 he enlisted from Joliet, Ill., and was assigned to Company F, Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry, and was with his regiment in its various movements in Missouri and Arkansas, until disabled by disease of which he died November 17, 1862.

SAMUEL BRADFORD.

Samuel Bradford, son of Augustus and Irene Bradford, enlisted from Rutland, Vt., in the Seventh Vermont Regiment; was with his regiment at the battle of Baton Rouge, and died of disease at New Orleans, aged about 40 years.

ASA R. BIXBY.

Asa R. Bixby, son of Nathaniel and Sally Bixby, enlisted in Company E, Second Regiment U. S. Sharpshooters, November 26, 1861, for three years. He was shot through the head at Fort Schenck, September 22, 1864. His age was 24 years. No account of the battles in which he fought has been obtained. The verdict of his comrades was that he was a good soldier.

LEONARD O. BIXBY.

Leonard O. Bixby, youngest son of Nathaniel and Sally Bixby, was mustered into service, October 23, 1862, in Company I, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment. Died of disease in the hospital at Carrollton, La., January 27, 1863, aged 17 years—without seeing active service.

## HENRY M. BUCKMINSTER.

Henry M. Buckminster, son of the late John and Marian Buckminster, enlisted August 20, 1862,—was in Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment. Died of disease in the regimental hospital at Hilton Head, S. C., January 24, 1863, aged 16 years.

## HENRY J. DAVIS.

Henry J. Davis, son of Oliver Davis of Lempster, was a native of and enlisted from Acworth, August 6, 1862; was of Company F., Ninth New Hampshire Regiment. He participated in the several battles in which his regiment was engaged in 1863-4; was taken prisoner at Poplar Grove Church, September 30, 1864; was a prisoner about five months, and died of disease at Annapolis, Md., March 14, 1865, aged 23 years.

## DAVID E. M. DODGE.

David E. M. Dodge, son of Asa and Susan Dodge, enlisted August 20, 1862, and immediately was joined to Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment, at Hilton Head, S. C., where he died of disease December 15, 1862, aged 23 years.

## WILLIAM F. DUDLEY.

William F. Dudley, was a native of Goshen, N. H., and was brought up by Daniel Peasley in Acworth. He enlisted October 19, 1861, was of Company E in the Fifth New Hampshire Regiment. Died of disease January 15, 1862, aged about 23 years.

## THERON DUNCAN.

Theron Duncan, youngest son of the late Col. John, and Betsey Duncan, at the age of 46 years, enlisted September 19, 1862; left his family, consisting of wife, six children and an aged mother, and with his eldest son joined Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment, at Hilton Head, S. C. He was in the battle of Pocotaligo, October 22, and Morris Island, July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, July 10th and 18th; at the siege of Fort Wagner, and in the final assault upon Forts Gregg and Wagner, September 7, 1863.

As the Acworth soldiers were largely represented in the Third New Hampshire Regiment, and were present at the fall of Wagner, the following incident in its history it is thought will not be out of place here. It is given by an army correspondent, and vouched for by the Chaplain of the Regiment. On the 6th of September it was determined to try another charge upon Fort Wagner, and Gen Terry selected the Third New Hampshire to lead the "forlorn hope." Capt. Randlett was in command of the regiment, and the following account of the affair is given by the correspondent referred to:—  
"A New Hampshire regiment had been engaged in several successive bat-



*Theron Duncan*



tles both bloody and desperate, and in each engagement the men had distinguished themselves more and more, but their success had been dearly bought both in men and officers. Just before 'taps,' word came that the fort was to be stormed at day-break the next morning, and they were invited to lead the 'forlorn hope.' The Colonel in deep anxiety of mind, consulted his faithful Chaplain as to what should be done. He advised him to let the men decide for themselves, and at the Colonel's request he stated to the regiment all the circumstances. Not one in twenty, probably, would be left alive after the first charge. Scarcely one of the entire number would escape death, except as they were wounded or taken prisoners. No one would be compelled to go. If he went it must be with all his heart. 'Think it over, men,' said he, 'calmly and deliberately, and at twelve o'clock come back and let us know your answer.' True to the appointed time they all returned. *All?* Yes, *all*, without exception, reported ready for the service and the sacrifice. 'Now,' said the Chaplain, 'go to your tents, write your letters—settle your worldly affairs, and whatever sins you have upon your consciences unconfessed and unforgiven, ask God to forgive them. As usual I will go with you, and the Lord do with us as seemeth Him good.' The hour came, the assault was made; on these noble spirits rushed. Scarcely an hour before the fort had been secretly evacuated by the enemy, and the 'forlorn hope' entered into full possession without the loss of a single man."\*

Mr. Duncan fell in the desperate charge at Drury's Bluff, near Chester Station, mortally wounded by a bullet in the head, May 13, 1864. In this terrible but successful conflict, "in the space of twenty minutes more than two hundred of New Hampshire's bravest and best, fell dead or wounded."

#### JOHN BELL DUNCAN.

John Bell Duncan, son of Theron and Anna N. Duncan, at the age of 16 years enlisted as a recruit in Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment, September 19, 1862, and soon after joined the regiment at Hilton Head, S. C. He participated in the battle of Pocotaligo, October 22, 1862; Morris Island, July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, July 18th; and in the final assault upon Forts Gregg and Wagner, September 7th. He was wounded by a bullet through the hip, at the desperate charge at Drury's Bluff, May 13, 1864; was in the charge at Deep Bottom, August 14th; at Flussell's Mills, August 16th; at the siege of Petersburg, in September, 1864; in a reconnoissance before Richmond, October 1st; again at New Market road, October 7th; in the battle at Darby Town road, October 16th; at Darby Town and Charles City road, October 27th; and at the taking of Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865. In this engagement, he was one of four picked men whom the commander of the regiment selected to drive the enemy from an annoying position, and while thus engaged in nearly a hand-to-hand fight, a bullet

---

\* Report of Adjutant General of New Hampshire Volunteers, p. 491-499.

struck him in the right breast, passing through the lung and out near the back of the shoulder. Unconscious of the wound he continued fighting until his comrade seeing the blood issuing from his wounds, hurried him to the rear, still he persisted he was but slightly wounded, and was able to go back and assist in taking the fort. "Is my arm broken?" he inquired of his Lieutenant; "if not, I am going to the front to do my duty." Soon, reduced by loss of blood, he was taken to Fortress Monroe, where he died of his wounds January 27, 1865.

He was a model soldier—always at the post of duty, cool and self-possessed in action, and brave as the bravest. A comrade, in announcing his death to his mother, says: "Never has a death occurred in this regiment which has occasioned so much sorrow as the death of your son." The following incident is related by his Captain: "At the reconnoissance towards Richmond, October 1st, as they were advancing, a murderous fire of shot and shell was opened upon the regiment by the enemy, and a shell burst so near John as to cover him with mud and dirt. The Captain, who was near, saw him, cool and undisturbed as if in camp, and asked if he was hurt. Glancing at his mud-covered uniform, he laughingly replied, 'No, Captain, not yet.'"

#### THEODORE F. FINLAY.

Theodore F. Finlay, only son of Barnet C. and Emeline Finlay, enlisted August 20, 1862, and was of Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment, then at Hilton Head, S. C., at which place he died of disease, October 27, 1862, aged 18 years.

#### HENRY N. GEORGE.

Henry N. George was the son of Enoch and Sarah George, enlisted August 11, 1862; was a recruit in Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment. He died of disease in camp near Falmouth, Va., November 29, 1862, aged 17 years, having never been in battle.

#### WILLIAM GRAVES.

William Graves was the son of Daniel and Polly Graves, enlisted into the Eleventh New Hampshire Regiment, September 2, 1862, and was of Company I. He was connected with the hospital department, and in the first battle in which he took an active part he was killed, near Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864, aged 26 years.

#### AUSTIN GROUT.

Austin Grout, son of John and Hannah Grout, was mustered into Company C, in the Sixth Vermont Regiment, October 15, 1861, at the age of 25 years. He was in his first and last battle at Lee's Mills, near Yorktown, Va., April 16, 1862, being shot through the body in that engagement. After being thus wounded, he assisted in removing a comrade who had fallen



in the battle, and his last act was to reload his rifle, though obliged to rest against a tree while so doing. He fell, exclaiming, "I am killed, go on, boys. I have done the best I could." His service, though short, was sufficient to prove that he was of the material of which heroes are made. In making his grave near Yorktown, relics of a continental soldier were disinterred, and his dust now mingles with the patriots of the Revolution.

## HARRISON E. GROUT.

Harrison E. Grout was the youngest son of John and Hannah Grout. He was a member of Company C, Sixth Vermont Regiment, and was mustered into service, October 15, 1861. He was in the fierce struggle at Lee's Mills, April 16th, near Yorktown, Va., where he narrowly escaped death—a soldier on either side being shot down. He was soon after disabled by disease, and died in the Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore, Md., aged about 21 years.

## AMOS HARDING.

Amos Harding, son of the late Amos and Betsey Harding, was mustered into service, October 23, 1862, in Company F, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment, and died of disease in hospital at New Orleans, La., June 21, 1863, aged 37 years, leaving a wife and two children.

## MELVILLE C. HOWARD.

Melville C. Howard, son of Rev. Americus K. Howard, enlisted August 20, 1862, in Company B, Third New Hampshire Regiment. He was in the battles of Pocotaligo, S. C., October 22, 1862; and Morris Island, July 12 and 13, 1863; in which last engagement he was severely wounded, and died in hospital at Folly Island, July 17, 1863. His age was 28 years.

## ASA E. HOWE.

Asa E. Howe, son of Ephraim and Charlotte Howe, enlisted for three years, August 12, 1862, in Company D, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment. He participated in the battle of Pocotaligo, S. C., October 22, 1862; in the different engagements on Morris Island, and siege of Charleston; took part in the operations which resulted in the reduction of Forts Gregg and Wagner; was in the battle of Drury's Bluff, May 13, 1863, and the several engagements at Bermuda Hundred, Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom, and Chaffin's Farm, where he was killed, September 30, 1864, aged 30 years. He left a wife and three children.

## EDWIN A. HOWE.

Edwin A. Howe, youngest son of the late Horace and Judith Howe, was born December 28, 1842; enlisted into Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment, August 28, 1862; was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg,

Va., December 13, 1862, and died of disease contracted while in the service, March 17, 1863, at his father's house in Acworth.

ALBERT R. HULL.

Albert R. Hull, son of Theron and Fanny Hull, enlisted from Wilton, N. H., August 12, 1862, in Company D, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment. He was in the battle of Pocotaligo, October 22d, Morris Island, and at the siege of Charleston. He took part in the siege and final assault on Forts Gregg and Wagner; was in the charge at Drury's Bluff, May 13, 1864, and in the several skirmishes and battles near Bermuda Hundred, and at Cold Harbor and Deep Bottom; was wounded in the battle of the Mine at Petersburg, Va., and was in the final assault on Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865. He died of disease at Fortress Monroe, March 17, 1865, aged 28.

MILTON P. PARKS.

Milton P. Parks, son of Elisha Parks, Esq., and his wife Martha W., enlisted from Blue Earth County, Minn., October 3, 1862; was Orderly Sergeant in Company B, Minnesota Mounted Rangers, and died of disease at St. Peters, December 4, 1862, aged 32 years.

WILLIAM PRENTISS, JR.

William Prentiss, Jr., son of the late William and Sarah F. Prentiss, enlisted in March, 1864, at the age of 19 years. He was of Company K, Fifty-Seventh Massachusetts Regiment; joined his regiment in the trenches in front of Petersburg, Va. He saw his first and last battle in a charge upon the enemy's earth-works on the 17th of June, being shot through the abdomen by a rifle ball. He lingered a few hours in great agony, and died rejoicing in the hope of a glorious resurrection at the great mustering.

HENRY D. PUTNAM.

Henry D. Putnam, son of Oliver Putnam of Charlestown, N. H., was mustered into service October, 23, 1862; was of Company F, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment. Died in hospital at Baton Rouge, June, 1863, aged 31 years, leaving a wife and two children.

CHARLES D. ROBINSON.

Charles D. Robinson, the only son of Daniel D. and Mary G. Robinson, enlisted from Claremont, N. H., as a recruit, and was mustered into Company G, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment, September 18, 1862. He was instantly killed in battle at Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, aged 20 years.

GRANVILLE C. SLADER.

Granville C. Slader, eldest son of Col. Jesse and Nancy Slader, was mustered into Company A, Thirty-Fourth Wisconsin Regiment, in November,

1862. He died of disease at Fort Halleck, Columbus, Ky., July 7, 1863, having never been in active service. He was 37 years of age, and left a wife and three children.

HIRAM O. THAYER.

Hiram Orcutt, son of Warren and Pamela Thayer, was born in Acworth, March 19, 1845, and enlisted at Plattsburg, N. Y., July 20, 1863; was assigned to the Eighty-Third New York Regiment, but never joined it. He died of typhoid fever, in the U. S. Hospital at Alexandria, Va., August 24, 1863.

GEORGE M. WARNER.

George M., son of Stanford and Maria Warner, enlisted for three months in a Vermont regiment, served his time out and re-enlisted in the Harris Light Cavalry of New York, which was in Gen. Kilpatrick's corps. He was in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., where his horse was shot from under him, and himself taken prisoner, but he was recaptured by our troops. He participated in the various raids, skirmishes, and battles under Kilpatrick until taken prisoner, August 3, 1864, and sent to Libby Prison, where he soon after died, aged 20 years.

CHARLES W. WHEELER.

Charles W., son of the late Jeremiah and Acsah Wheeler, enlisted August 13, 1862; was of Company G, in the Ninth New Hampshire Regiment. He was in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, in which engagement he was wounded. He was killed in battle near Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864, aged 22 years.

WILLIAM F. WHITMAN.

William F. Whitman was a native of Stoddard, N. H., and son of Abram Whitman. He enlisted into Company A, Third New Hampshire Regiment, August 20, 1862; participated in the battles of Morris Island, July 10, and Fort Wagner, July 18, 1863, at which he was killed by a shell. Age 30 years. He left a wife and one child.

## PART III.

---

# Genealogy of the Families OF ACWORTH.\*

---

REV. ALFRED ABEL rem. from Lempster to Acworth about 1814, m. Juletta Wheelock—ch., I., Mandana, m. Frederic Silsby (see Silsby family). II., Polly, m. Asa Kent of Alstead—ch., 1, Hervey ; 2, Harriet ; 3, Charles ; 4, Sarah ; 5, Emily. III., Amira, m. Henry Campbell (see Campbell family). IV., Fanny, m. Dan Orcutt (see Orcutt family). V., Sally, m. Jonathan Gilman of Unity—ch., 1, Alfred A. ; 2, Anson. VI., Charles G., d. young. VII., Philinda, m. Thaddeus Fuller of Goshen—ch., 1, Sylvina ; 2, Ossam ; 3, Lois ; 4, Sarah ; 5, Caroline ; 6, James. VIII., Emily, d. young. IX., Laura L., m. Silas Fuller of Goshen—ch., 1, Theron ; 2, Theresa A. ; 3, Hattie.

REV. THEOPHILUS B ADAMS, b. in Beverly, Mass., enlisted in the army in 1812, was wounded so that he received a life pension, was ordained as a Baptist minister in New London, N. H., preached in Wilmot, Acworth and Unity, s. in Acworth about 1822, d. 1831, m. Jemima Moulton—ch., I., Jeremiah, m. Emily Currier (see Currier family). II., Louisa, m. Asa Sargent (see Sargent family). III., Rebecca D., m. Ephraim Collins—ch., seven. IV., Theophilus B., m. Fanny Currier (see Currier family), residence Nashua—ch., 1, Ellen ; 2, John ; 3, Theophilus B. ; 4, Emma A. ; 5, Georgianna ; 6, George F. V., Joseph M., m. Abigail Weed—ch., seven. VI., Alpheus. Rev. Mr. ADAMS m. second Lydia Bagley—ch., VII., Jemima, d. unm. VIII., Dorothy, m. Putnam George—ch., two. IX., Harrison H., the first born in Acworth, m. Lydia Osgood, residence Newburyport, Mass.—ch., two. X., Judith, d. unm. XI., Carver P., d. unm. XII., Louisa, d. unm. XIII., John B., d. young.

NATHAN ADAMS s. in Acworth, 1858, m. Minerva N. Newman—ch., I., Minerva J. II., Washington I.

---

\* DIRECTIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.—The first generation, residing in Acworth, names in SMALL CAPITALS ; second generation numbered with Roman numerals ; third with Arabic numerals ; fourth with Arabic numerals in parenthesis, thus (—) ; fifth with Arabic numerals in brackets, thus [—]. Abbreviations—b., born ; m., married ; unm., unmarried ; d., died ; ch., children ; gen., generation ; rem., removed ; s., settled.



*A. Warner*



JABEZ ALEXANDER was the youngest son of Thomas Alexander, who was killed in the French War ; was b. in Marlborough, 1755, rem. to Acworth about 1786 ; was the second settler on Gates Hill ; m. Lois Pool—ch., I., Benjamin, b. 1778, m. Nancy Mitchell (see Mitchell family)—ch., 1, Philharmia, d. unm. ; 2, John, m. Eliza Carpenter ; 3, William H., m. Eliza Delano, residence Sharon, Vt.—ch., (1) George, (2) Emma, (3) Clara, (4) Sarepta, (5) John ; 4, Miriam, m. first David A. Hill—ch., (1) Mary F., m. Charles E. Bent—ch., [1] Carrie P., [2] George H. ; 4, Miriam, m. second Melvin C. Doubleday ; 5, Orson, m. Mary J. Patch, residence Sharon—ch., (1) Galena, (2) William, (3) Benjamin, (4) Georgianna H. A. ; 6, Sylvester, m. Ellen S. Dana, residence Sharon—ch., (1) Philharmia M., (2) Marcella M. II., Caleb, b. 1781, m. Doreas Kenney, s. in Barre, Vt.—ch., 1, Chauncey, m. Mary Averill, s. in Northfield, Vt. ; 2, Austin, m. Susan Hurlbert, s. in Northfield ; 3, Ann, m. Rev. J. H. Burnham, s. in Northfield—ch., (1) Celestia. III., Dorcas, m. Eleazer Beckwith, Jr., (see Beckwith family), residence Belfast, N. Y.—ch., 1, Maria ; 2, Ambrose ; 3, Lois. IV., Daniel, b. 1785, m. Susan Ewens, rem. to Belfast, N. Y.—ch., 1, Willard ; 2, Daniel ; 3, Martha Ann ; all b. in Acworth. V., Lucinda, m. Francis Brown (see Brown family). VI., Charlotte, m. John Mack, residence Ohio—ch., 1, Louisa ; 2, John ; and others. VII., Mindwell, m. Charles Beckwith (see Beckwith family), residence Fitchburg, Mass.—ch., 1, Alvah A., m. Lucy Fairbanks—ch., (1) Louisa, (2) Maria E., (3) Charles S., (4) Sarah, (5) Frederic ; 2, Sarah S., m. Leander Cornell ; 3, Charles S., m. Jennie Proctor. VIII., Ambrose, m. Elizabeth Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., 1, Jabez, m. Sophia Silloway, s. in Berlin, Vt.—ch., (1) Frank ; 2, Lois S., m. Seth P. Silloway, s. in Berlin—ch., (1) Angeline, (2) Lucia ; 3, Amasa W., m. first Orlana Dutton, s. in Berlin—ch., (1) George W. ; m. second Harriet Cady—ch., (2) Minnie A. ; 4, Julia, residence Mooretown, Vt. ; 5, Amelia, m. George S. Chapman, s. in Mooretown—ch., (1) Perley A. ; 6, Angeline, m. Joseph M. Brown, s. in Mooretown—ch., (1) Charles J. ; 7, Freeman, m. Rhoda Brown, s. in Mooretown—ch., (1) Fred B., (2) George F. ; 8, Caroline, m. Nelson Willey, s. in Mooretown—ch., (1) Jesse A., (2) Angeline, (3) Fred J. ; 9, Ambrose J., m. Almira S. Cady, s. in Berlin—ch., (1) Ned Ambrose. IX., S. Parker, m. Betsey White, s. in Ohio—ch., four. X., Alvah, m. Phebe Houston (see Houston family), s. in Utah—ch., 1, Samuel, m. first Jane M. Houston (see Houston family) ; 2, Louisa ; 3, Maria ; 4, Alvah ; 5, Orpah. XI., J. Lewis, m. Deborah Houston (see Houston family), s. in Northfield, Vt.—ch., 1, Nancy, m. Freeman Thrasher ; 2, Charles J. ; 3, Lewis m. Harriet Emerson. JABEZ ALEXANDER m. second Betsey Marston—ch., XII., Elkanah M., m. Arvilla M. Booth (see Slader family), residence Lempster—ch., 1, George E. ; 2, Eugene A. ; 3, Orra T. ; 4, Ada S. XIII., Jabez L., m. first, Sally A. Cram (see Cram family) ; m. second ——— Brown. XIV., Chauncey, d. unm. XV., Byron, b. when his father was in his 79th year, m. Pamela Bignal—ch., 1, Frank E. ; 2, Hattie.

Three brothers ALBREE rem. from Medford, Mass., to Acworth, previous to 1773, SAMUEL, JOSEPH and JOHN. Betsey, their sister, m. John Brooks, brother of Peter C. Brooks. JOSEPH m. Sukey Dodge (see Dodge family).

JOSEPH A. ALLAN, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, s. in Acworth, 1846, m. Mary H. Gates (see Gates family)—ch., I., Joseph A. II., Hannah P. III., Walter C. IV., Medora L., d. young. V., Dean L. VI., M. Leonora. VII., Elroy S.

GALEN ALLEN, native of South Bridgewater, Mass., b. 1769, s. in Acworth, 1797. His father was Maj. James Allen; his grandfather, James; his great grandfather, Nathaniel; his ancestor at the fourth remove, Dea. Samuel; fifth, Samuel Allen of Braintree, m. 1632. Galen m. Hannah Copeland (see Copeland family)—ch., I., Perley, m. Rowena Leonard, residence Alstead—ch., 1, Emily H.; 2, Freeman P.; 3, Lewis L.; 4, Maria; 5, James O. II., Polly C., m. Daniel Graves (see Graves family). III., Winslow, m. Nancy Grout—ch., 1, Nancy G.; 2, George W.; 3, Ebenezer G.; 4, Galen; 5, Lyman G.; 6, Mary, d.; 7, Chauncey L.; 8, Carlos, d. young; 9, Julia A.; 10, Harlan P.; 11, Harriet. IV., Galen, m. Lavinia Monroe of Lexington, Mass.—ch., 1, H. Augusta; 2, Annette A.; 3, John G.; 4, Lavinia M.; 5, Jonas M. V., Hannah, m. John Grout (see Grout family).

*James Anderson* was one of the first sixteen settlers of Londonderry.

SAMUEL ANDERSON, his grandchild, whose father's name was Robert, s. in Acworth, 1793, m. Anna Alexander.

SAMUEL ANDERSON, his nephew and son of David, came to Acworth in 1795, m. Jane Campbell—ch., I., Anna. II., David C., m. Martha L. Brigham (see Brigham family)—ch., 1, Mary E.; 2, Walter H., d. young; 3, Emma E.; 4, George W.; 5, Alice L. III., Horace, m. first, Lucinda Blanchard; m. second, Isa Dora Burnham, residence Windham—ch., 1, Samuel H. IV., Milon, m. Lucy M. Weston, residence Windham. V., Sarah J., m. Charles Abbot, residence Windsor, Vt.—ch., Jennie S.

MAJ. JOEL ANGIER s. in Acworth previous to 1793; he was a prominent man in the south part of the town, and often held town offices, as will be seen by referring to the list of selectmen, etc.; a man of strong intellect, he was fond of argument, but also of telling a good story; m. Olive Turner (see Turner family)—ch., I., Silas, m. Sarah Holden, residence Vermont—ch., 1., Sarah; 2, Silas; 3, Newell; 4, John. II., Laura, m. first Sam. Morgan, residence Ohio; m. second ——— Morgan—ch., 1, Angier; 2, Maria; 3, Samuel B.; 4, John. III., Rawson, m. Betsey Tinker, residence Cornish—ch., 1, Duren L.; 2, Mary; 3, Betsey; 4, Thad; 5, Roxanna; 6, Cutler; 7, John. IV., Olive. V., Deborah, b. 1801, m. ——— Eastman, residence Sutton, Vt.—ch., 1, Stephen, 2, Mary. VI., Polly. VII., Mehitable, m. ——— White. VIII., Joel, m. Mary E. Polly (see Polly family)—ch., 1, Oscar F., m. Ellen Campbell; 2, Mary G., m. Robert Lane. VIII., Joel studied medicine with Dr. Bliss of Alstead, graduated at the medical





*J. L. Angier*



school of Dartmouth College, practiced in Washington, N. H., Bethel, Vt., Haverhill and Bath, N. H., and Hazel Green, Wis. IX., Reuben, m. Mrs. Hannah Paul, residence Newport—ch., 1, Olive E.; 2, Nedom E.; 3, Reuben W. X., John. XI., Samuel M., m. Lucena Barnard (see Barnard family), residence Bath—ch., 1, Adelaide; 2, Elizabeth A.; 3, Mary. XII., Nedom L., b. 1814, m. Elizabeth A. Herring, residence Atlanta, Ga.—ch., 1, Alton C.; 2, Nedom H.; 3, Edgar A.; 4, Clarence V.; 5, Ellie B.; 6, Lillie May; 7, Lizzie; 8, Wilmer.

Hon. Nedom S. Angier, like most of the natives of Acworth who have obtained a professional education, spent much time in teaching. Having access to the libraries of his uncle John and his brother Joel, his leisure hours were spent in the study of medicine. In 1839 he went to Georgia and taught school there four years, still pursuing in the meantime his chosen study, enjoying the use of the libraries of Drs. Smith and Hunnicutt of Cowder County. In 1843 he attended a course of lectures at the Medical University of New York. In 1844 he commenced practice at the Court House of the Tenth District of Randolph County, Ga. In 1847 he removed to Atlanta, then a "city in the woods," and opened a drug store in connection with his practice. In 1850, with a party of adventurers, he went to California by the overland route. In 1851 he returned to become a successful speculator in real estate, abandoning his profession. From the first, he was opposed to the secession movements at the South, and from the breaking out of the rebellion he studied how to escape from rebeldom. In 1863, with great hardship and peril, he passed the lines of both armies by way of Memphis. Coming thus from the South, he was naturally watched and subjected to many inconveniences by the military detectives of the Federal Government, and he acknowledges especially the kind offices of S. L. Bowers of Newport, and W. S. Moody, formerly of Unity, in these difficulties. He now began to search for an opportunity to return South to rescue his family. He soon found a "flag of truce" boat carrying only ladies from Annapolis, Md., to City Point for exchange, and by it returned to the South. On reaching home he repaired to Florida under the plea of trading in salt, hoping, on that extensive and sparsely settled coast, to find means of reaching Cuba. After various adventures, and various expedients devised and attempted at great peril, both by himself and wife, they at last found themselves on board the blockade runner, "Little Leila," on the Suwannee River, through the efforts of his sagacious and brave wife. Waiting until the "Yankees" retired for a New Year's frolic at the "Keys," the vessel successfully run the blockade and landed them safely in Havana. His eldest son, a conscript in the rebel army about the same time, deserted, and with much suffering and danger, reached the Union army nearly exhausted. They finally took up their residence near Boston until the close of the war when they returned to Georgia. Appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Third District of Georgia, for nine months, he resided at Augusta. He then resigned and returned to At-

lanta where he was elected delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, where he faithfully opposed all those schemes of repudiation which were afterwards expunged from the Constitution by Congress. He was elected State Treasurer by the first General Assembly under the new Constitution, which office he now holds.

JOSEPH ATWOOD was a soldier in the old French War; whether he was born in America, or came over with the army from England, is not known. He came to Acworth from Haverhill, Mass., in 1788. By his first marriage—ch., I., Amos, removed to Lempster after living some time in Acworth. II., Polly. III., Abigail, m. William Roy. IV., Betsey, d. unm. Joseph m. second, Mrs. Hannah (Hadley) Marble—ch., V., Joseph, m. Sibyl Huntley—ch., 1, Rhoda, m. John Ruddock, residence Illinois; 2, Elizabeth, m. Alfred Standish; 3, Amos, d. unm.; 4, Cyrus; 5, Mary, m. Ezekiel Thayer (see Thayer family); 6, Lima, m. Cyrus H. Meacham—ch., (1) Almada, (2) Harriet L., m. George Sedgwick, (3) Sarah, (4) Martha, (5) Hellen; 7, Harriet N., m. Samuel M. Kidder—ch., (1) Matilda I., m. Austin E. Smith—ch., [1] Hattie K., [2] Clarence E., (2) Susan E., (3) Carrie M., (4) Hattie L., d. unm.

JOHN, THOMAS and MARGARET ARCHIBALD of Londonderry s. in Acworth. MARGARET m. James Wallace (see Wallace family). JOHN s. in Acworth probably previous to 1777—ch. of John and Martha Archibald b. in Acworth, I., James. II., Ann. III., Robert. IV., Elizabeth. V., Samuel R.

REV. THOMAS ARCHIBALD m. Susannah Whiteher, s. in Acworth, 1789, afterward rem. to Middlebury, Vt.—ch. b. in Acworth, I., Susannah M. II., John.

CHRISTOPHER AYRES was one of the earliest settlers in the south part of the town. His mother, a native of Ireland, m. and s. in Londonderry, N. H. Losing her husband and five children, she came with her only surviving and youngest son, Christopher, to Acworth through the pathless woods in 1776. They chose a farm on the hill above Alexander Houston, because it was more easily cleared and supposed to be more productive than in the river valley. Christopher Ayres m. Lois Huntley—ch., I., Lydia, m. James Downing of Marlow—ch., 1, Daniel, m., Lucy Upton; 2, James, m. Electa F. Foster—ch., (1) Albert S., (2) George E., (3) Herbert J., (4) Ellen C.; 3, Betsy, m. Daniel P. Newell—ch., (1) George F., (2) Hiram F., (3) Harlan, (4) Etta A.; 4, Hiram, m. Harriet Wolcott—ch., (1) Minnie A., (2) Alice M.; 5, Franklin, m. Mary L. Ware—ch., (1) Fayette F., (2) Clarence W., (3) Mary A., (4) Eugene A., d. young, (5) Arthur A., d. young; 6, Lydia C., m. Chester Nichols—ch., (1) Charlie A., (2) Dennis F., (3) Freddie D., d., (4) Jennie M., (5) Rosie C., (6) Lilly F.; 7, Allen, d. II., Jennie, d. unm. III., Robert, m. Subrina Miller—ch., 1, Nancy; 2, Roswell A., residence Keene. IV., Polly, d. unm. V., Anna, d. unm. VI., Louisa, m. first, James Bradbury of Hollis—ch., 1, Susan A.; m. second, John Gragg, residence Quincy, Mass.—ch., 2, William, m. Ellen Kerwin—ch., (1) Nellie C., (2) Mabel; 3, Charles A.; 4, Mary, m. Elisha Hobart—ch., 1, Anna L.

JOHN, AMOS and ELIPHALET BAILEY were of the sixth gen. in this country: first gen., Richard, who came from Yorkshire, Eng., about 1635, and was one of a company to establish the first cloth mill in America in Rowley, Mass.; second gen., Joseph, d. 1712; third gen., Richard, m. Joanna Webster, d. 1748, aged 73; fourth gen., Ebenezer, m. Sarah Palmer, d. 1815; fifth gen., Ebenezer, b. 1740, d. 1807, residence Weare, m. Melitable Eaton—ch., Sally; Thomas; Ebenezer; *John; Amos; Moses; Jesse; Eliphalet; Lydia; Joseph.* JOHN, b. 1769, m. Polly Humphrey (see Humphrey family)—ch., I., Abel, m. first Sarah Barnard (see Barnard family), residence Unity—ch., 1, Mary G., d. young; 2, Belinda, m. Calvin Robinson—ch., (1) Chastina, d. young, (2) Amanda, m. William Mann—ch., [1] Willie C., the *great-great-grandchild* of Mrs. Polly Barnard; (3) Charles C., (4) Louise B.; 3, Milon, d. young; 4, Solon, d. young; 5, Roxanna, d. young; 6, Emeline G., m. Monroe Judkins—ch., (1) Josephine, (2) Caleb; 7, Sophia W., d. young. I., Abel, m. second, Mrs. Mary (Campbell) Barney. II., Sally, d. young. III., Belinda, d. young. IV., Rial, m. Mary Breed, m. second, Ann Hudson, residence Unity—ch., 1, Mariette; 2, Emily N.; 3, Thomas F.; 4, Franklin; 5, Clara L.; 6, Silas H.; 7, Milton P. V., Eaton, m. Elizabeth Sparling, residence Claremont—ch., 1, Sarah J.; 2, Sabra C.; 3, John; 4, Frances M.; 5, Charles E. VI., Theda, m. Walter Breed (see Breed family). VII., Sophia, m. Ephraim Cummings (see Cummings family). VIII., Lorinda, m. Elias Sparling, residence Unity—ch., 1, Ozro, d. young; 2, Mary L.; 3, Theda M.; 4, Sally A.; 5, Ruth B.; 6, Louisa L.; 7, George H. IX., Mary, m. Aaron W. Sparling (see Sparling family.) AMOS, b. 1771, d. 1832, m. Bethiah Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., I., Harley, m. Ruth Cummings (see Cummings family), residence Schroon, N. Y.—ch., 1, Alonzo; 2, Carlos; 3, Azuba; 4, Sultana; 5, ———. ELIPHALET, b. 1777, m. Abigail Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., 1, Samantha, d. young. II., Giles, in consequence of ill-health which disabled him from farm work, was permitted to attend a "fall school," taught by Milton Parker, the first opportunity he enjoyed for gaining an education beyond the advantages offered by the district school. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school, studying as he found opportunity, attending school at Chester and Cavendish, Vt., and Hopkinton and Unity, N. H. For some of his Latin and Greek he is indebted to Hon. Horace Maynard, who was his instructor for a time. His theological studies were pursued with Rev. Lemuel Willis of Lempster. He was licensed to preach by the Massachusetts Universalist Convention in 1839. He was ordained as pastor in Winthrop, Me., in 1840; removed to Brunswick in 1842; was appointed in 1848 by the Maine Convention of Universalists to visit, counsel and aid destitute societies within its limits; in 1849 was settled in Old Town, thence removing to Dexter in 1853. In 1857, removed to Claremont, N. H.; 1858, received a call from Gardiner, Me., and remained pastor there eight years. In the winter of 1866-7 became for a short time editor of the "Uni-

versalist," and removed to Belfast in 1867, where he now resides and preaches. For many years he has been Secretary of the Maine Universalist Conference. He is a regular contributor to the denominational papers in Augusta, Me., Boston and New York, and annually compiles the statistics of the denomination for the Universalist Register or Almanac. GILES m. first Jane M. Damon; m. second Sarah Murphey; m. third Mercy Bassett—ch., 1, Giles O.; 2, Caroline, d. young; 3, George W.; 4, Willie L. C.; 5, Edwin C. III., Ithiel L. m, Lucy Patroll, residence Moretown, Vt.—ch., 1, Cep-tem, d. young; 2, Willie C.; 3, George; 4, Emma J., d. young; 5, Ithiel L.; 6, Lucy J.; 7, Joel; 8, Abbie; 9, Frank E.; 10, Mary. IV., Emlon A., m. Polly Addison, residence Missouri—ch., 1, T. Damon; 2, Ellen L.; 3, Emlon; 4, Rose M. V., George, m. Sarah F. Whittemore. VI., Louisa d. young.

JOSEPH, THOMAS and WILLIAM BALL were of the fourth generation of the family known; their great-grandfather, Thomas Ball of Massachusetts, was killed in the old Indian wars, at Brookfield; their grandfather, Thomas Ball, was a soldier in Fort No. 4, (Charlestown,) and was killed by the Indians; their father, Samuel, was a three years' soldier and officer in the Revolutionary War; he m. Hannah Rainger—ch., Joseph, Thomas and William. JOSEPH s. in Acworth 1825; he was a man of much public spirit, to whom the South part of the town is much indebted; he m. Betsey Haywood (see Haywood family)—ch., I., Laura H., d. unm. II., Hiram, m. Lucy Day—ch., 1, Henry; 2, Eddie. III., Hannah B., m. Ebenezer Stevens, residence Bradford—ch., 1, Charles A.; 2, Eddie; 3, Anna. IV., Freeland; and by his third wife, V., Carlos. THOMAS, a soldier in the war of 1812, s. in Acworth in 1818, for a time a deacon in the Congregational Church, m. Elizabeth Gould—ch., I., Harvey, m. Louisa Wood, residence Walpole—ch., 1, Milon W. II., Abigail, m. John Hooper, residence Walpole—ch., 1, Martha E., d. unm.; 2, Estelle M., m. Levi A. Hall—ch., (1) Alfred A.; 3, Warren E.; 4, Ellen F.; 5, Rufus R.; 6, Lucy M. III., Caroline, m. John G. Blount, residence Nashua—ch., 1, Edward O.; 2, Charles P.; 3, Mary E.; 4, Alfred A. IV., Elizabeth, m. Warren J. Cooper, residence Nashua—ch., 1, Benson P.; 2, Alice J. V., Thomas C., three years a soldier in the late war, residence Bellows Falls, Vt., m. Adeline Chase—ch., 1, Ida. VI., Lucy, m. Rufus L. McClure (see McClure family); m. second Rufus Shepardson, residence Claremont. VII., Benjamin G., d. in Boston, Mass., m. Betsy Ann Smith—ch., 1, Willis A. VIII., Julia Ann, d. unm. WILLIAM, m. Jane C. Haywood (see Haywood family), s. in Acworth 1854—ch., I., Prudence. II., Rebecca B., m. Jonas Green, residence Alstead—ch., 1, Milon F.; 2, Ida J.; 3, Herbert W. III., Haywood, killed on the ears, unm. IV., Mary E., m. Frederic Watkins, residence Walpole—ch., 1, Belle.

MOSES and HANNAH BARNARD were descendants of one Isaac Barnard, who came to America during the latter part of the seventeenth century, and s. in or near Amesbury, Mass.; his ch. s. around him; one of them, Tris-





MRS. POLLY GOVE BARNARD



tam, reared a large family of children who settled in Weare about 1790; their neighborhood is still called "Barnard hill;" their names were Isaac, David, Edmund, John, Tristram, Hannah, Mary, and Jerusha. John purchased a farm in Weare, but d. in Amesbury 1795, before removing to Weare, leaving a widow, whose name was Dorothy Currier, and eight children, viz.: Jerusha, Polly, Dorothy, Moses, John, Miriam, Eliphalet and Hannah. HANNAH m. John Gregg (see Gregg family). MOSES, b. 1781, m. Polly Gove (see Gove family), s. in Aeworth 1800; in 1802 they s. on the farm where they lived together 62 years, and where the widow now resides, aged 83, esteemed by her neighbors and idolized by her children; her residence in town extends through two of the three generations that lived here since the settlement; she has lived to see her great-great-grandchild, Willie C. Mann—ch., I., Sarah, b. 1802, m. Abel Bailey (see Bailey family). II., Dorothy, b. 1803, m. Sylvanus Miller—ch., 1, Helen M., d. unm.; 2, George S., m. Caroline F. Haskell, d. Boston, 1861—ch., (1) Helen. II., Dorothy, m. second Reuben Shepardson 1838—ch., 1, Emily M., m. Bela Graves of Unity—ch., (1) Stella, (2) Willis W.; 2, Frances, d. unm., 1868. III., Mary, b. 1806, m. H. H. Carey—ch., 1, Lucy Ann, m. J. R. Wheelock of Plymouth, Vt.—ch., (1) Luke, (2) Theodore; 2, Lucia E., m. William J. Hibbs of Iowa—ch., (1) Mary G., (2) Sarah Etta, (3) George B. IV., John, b. 1808, d. young. V., Melvina, b. 1811, d. young. VI., Squier Page, b. 1813, m. Ann C. Hilliard of Williamsburg, Province of Ontario—ch., 1, Louise, m. Thomas E. Saunby of New York city; 2, Lorette C., m. John G. Graham (see Graham family); 3, Minnie A.; 4, George H.; 5, Emma L., d. young; 6, Hattie H.; 7, Sarah C. VII., Emily M., b. 1815, d. unm. VIII., Lucina, b. 1818, m. Silas M. Angier (see Angier family), m. second Joel Gassett (see Gassett family), m. third Schuyler Harrington of Shrewsbury, Mass. IX., John M., the only soldier from Aeworth in the Mexican war, studied at Norwich University, Vt., served as a volunteer on the staff of Col. Jack Hays, 1st Texas Mounted Volunteers; present at the storming of Monterey, and siege of Vera Cruz; now practising law in Rochester, N. Y.; m. Eliza J. Gove—ch., 1, Nora M.; 2, Charles G.; 3, William H. X., George S., b. 1822, d. young. XI., William C., b. 1825, m. Elvira C. Houston—ch., 1, Ida; 2, Mary. XII., infant daughter, d. young.

LEVI BARNEY m. Elizabeth Chase—ch., I., Levi; II., Betsy; III., Polly; IV., Thomas; V., Joseph; VI., Harvey. Mr. BARNEY came to Aeworth after his children were all of age but one. None remained and s. but I., Levi, who m. Clarissa Bruce, thus uniting two families remarkable for longevity. Mrs. Barney's grandmother, on her 100th birthday, is said to have done a day's work at carding and spinning, and walked three miles; she also at that age made a shirt by torchlight. Children of I., Levi—1, Elizabeth C., m. Elisha Farrar of Concord, Mass.—ch., (1) Clara, m. John W. Elwell—ch., [1] Frederic, [2] Frank; (2) Levi B., (3) Mary,

d. young ; 2, Sophia A., d. young ; 3, Clarissa, m. Joel Porter (see Porter family) ; 4, Sophia, m. William L. Symonds of Alstead—ch., (1) Clara, (2) William L. V., Joseph, m. Mary M. Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., 1, Henry, d. young ; 2, Frances, m. William McPherson of Manchester—ch., (1) William F., (2) Caroline O., d. young, (3) Fred O., (4) Menona L., (5) Walter, d. young ; 3, Alva W., m. Samantha Way—ch., (1) Estella A., (2) Edwina L., (3) Elmer L., (4) Joseph H., (5) Walter E., (6) Carrie M., (7) Charles W., (8) Clarence H., (9) Osmond, (10) Lena S., (11) daughter, d. young ; 4, Naney, m. Augustine Pickett—ch., (1) Addie C., (2) Dan L., (3) Earnest L., (4) Rose E., (5) Henry J., (6) Charles G., (7) Winona, (8) Wallace M., (9) Earl ; 5, Mary M. ; 6, Lena.

RUEL H. BASCOM of ———, s. in Aeworth, m. Eunice S. Kempton (see Kempton family)—ch., I., Emma J. ; II., Ada ; III., Lewis L. ; IV., ——— ; V., Charles.

BEZALEEL BECKWITH, b. 1780 in Alstead, m. Linda Grout (see Grout family), s. in Aeworth 1803—ch., I., Naney G., d. young. II., Harvey, d. young. III., Nathaniel G., m. Fannie M. Barker, residence Royalston, Mass.—ch., 1, Charles E. ; 2, Minnie.

IRA BECKWITH's mother came from Lyme, Ct., with four sons and one daughter. Eleazar, a Baptist minister, preached in Marlow and Unity ; Amos, a Baptist minister, s. in Danville, Vt. ; Amon s. in Marlow, and also his sister ; his son Charles m. Mindwell Alexander (see Alexander family). IRA s. in Aeworth in 1801. Two sons of Mrs. B., Titus and Trueman, remained in Connecticut. IRA m. Hannah Wheelock—ch., I., Rebecca, m. William Humphrey (see Humphrey family). II., Phylinda, m. Thomas Townsend, rem. to Reading, Vt.—ch., 1, Daniel ; 2, Anne ; 3, Lewis ; 4, Rufus. III., Betsy, m. Rufus Newell, rem. to Malone, N. Y.—ch., 1, Hiram ; 2, Rebecca ; 3, Lucius ; 4, Selim. IV., Jared, m. Lucy Brigham (see Brigham family), rem. to Pana, Ill.—ch., 1, William ; 2, Joel ; 3, Silas H., d. unm. ; 4, Milon S. ; 5, Lydia A., m. Parker Grimes of Springfield, Vt.—ch., (1) Flora, (2) Lillie, (3) Allie. V., Polly, d. unm. VI., Anna, m. Samuel Eaton, rem. to Sutton, Vt. VII., Daniel. VIII., Stephen, m. Cynthia Osgood—ch., 1, Ira A. ; 2, Emeline, m. Moses A. Cragin of Marlow—ch., (1) Lucius M., (2) Charlie A., (3) Leslie D., d. young, (4) Freddie H. ; 3, Olive R. ; 4, Columbia D., m. Harvey W. Weare, rem. to Hancock—ch., (1) Clarence H., (2) Elmer S., (3) Eugene L. ; 5, Diantha C. IX., Eunice, m. John Cross, rem. to Essex, N. Y.—ch., three. X., Abigail, m. John Ladd, residence Sutton, Vt.—ch., 1, Gustine ; 2, Ellen ; 3, Ozro ; 4, Maria ; 5, Oscar.

NATHANIEL BIXBY, of Reading, Vt., s. in Aeworth in 1833 ; m. first Mary Walker—ch., I., Nathaniel, d. young. II., Charles, d. young. III., Charles. NATHANIEL m. second Sally Bixby—ch., IV., Ephraim, m. Emily A. Smith, residence Marlow. V. Alvira, d. young. VI., Leonard (see sketches of soldiers). VII., Asa Reed, (see sketches of soldiers.) VIII., Edward. IX., Learned, d. young.

THOMAS BIGNAL came from England during the Revolutionary War, and s. in Acworth; m. Mary Fairfield—ch., I., Thomas, d. unm. II., Betsey, m. first Henry Batchelor—ch., 1, Thomas B. (see Batchelor family); m. second Thomas Cummings. III., Charles, m. first Lucinda Beckwith—ch., 1, Charles H.; 2, Mary, d. young; 3, Mary; 4, Ellen; 5, Harriet; m. second Mrs. Mary A. (Moore) Mayo (see Moore family)—ch., 6, Mary Ann. IV., James M. V., Matilda F. VI., Eleanor, m. Gardiner Smith (see Smith family). VII., Joseph P., m. Harriet Beckwith—ch., 1, Thomas W., killed in the war; 2, Pamela; 3, Lucilva; 4, Charles.

JOSEPH, AARON, and LEMUEL BLANCHARD, sons of Nathaniel Blanchard of Shutesbury, Mass., a descendant of George Blanchard of Andover, Mass., an emigrant from England. AARON, a soldier for three years in the Revolutionary army, s. in Acworth and afterwards rem. to Barnard, Vt., m. Olive Ashley—ch., I., Lucinda; II., Warren; III., Calvin; IV., Sally; these four were natives of Acworth. V., Nathaniel; VI., Abel; VII., Tirzah; VIII., Cephas. LEMUEL was with the militia at the burning of New London, m. first Phebe Mayo, sister of Issachar Mayo—ch., I., Miranda; II., Lemuel; III., Phebe; m. second Mrs. Margaret (Witherspoon) Davidson (see Davidson family)—ch., IV., Betsey, m. Phineas A. Kemp (see Kemp family); V., Nathaniel, d. young. JOSEPH, b. in Shutesbury, 1755, s. in Acworth 1790, m. Relief Osgood, daughter of Aaron Osgood, a descendant of John Osgood of Andover, Mass. (see Osgood family)—ch., I., Hannah, b. 1780, m. Robert Aldrich, s. in Vershire, d. 1844—ch., 1, Rufus, m. Catherine Mabry, residence Thetford, Vt.—ch., (1) Almon, m. Hannah King, (2) Lovinia, m. Wilbur Moore—ch. three, (3) Jane, m. George Rowell—ch., [1] Cora, [2] Nellie, (4) Joel, m. — Stratton—ch., one, residence West Fairlee, Vt., (5) Alfred, (6) Rufus, (7) Catherine, (8) Hannah, m. Mr. Morse, (9) William; 2, Patience, m. Simeon Rowell, residence Vershire, Vt.; 3, Relief, m. Rensselaer Rowell—ch., (1) George, m. Jane Blanchard, (2) Sarah, m. Chandler Titus—ch., [1] Henry Hazen, (3) Lurena, m. Joseph Brooks—ch., [1] Rensselaer, [2] Mary, [3] Eliza, (4) Amanda, m. — Driggs; 4, Roswell, residence Corinth, m. first Eliza Magoon, m. second Mrs. Stowell—ch., (1) Sarah, m. George A. Church—ch., [1] Freeman, [2] Nellie, [3] Cora; 5, Erwin, m. Diana West, residence Vershire, Vt.—ch., (1) Lucian, m. Ella Cooley, residence Iowa, (2) Albert, (3) Eva, (4) Theron; 6, Robert, residence Strafford, Vt., m. Martha Hoyt—ch., (1) George, (2) Frances; 7, David, residence Thetford, Vt., m. Miss Rich of Lyme—ch., (1) Warren; 8, Albert, d.; 9, Ransom, residence Thetford, Vt., m. Alma Wilmot—ch., (1) Ella, (2) Willie, (3) Charlie; 10, Hannah, m. first Joshua Pierce of Fairlee, Vt.—ch., (1) Maria, m. — Gordon, residence Fairlee, (2) Swift, (3) Hannah, (4) Marcia, (5) Phebe, (6) Lima, (7) Georgia; m. second — Morse. II., Rufus, m. Anna Keyes (see Keyes family), d. 1840—ch., 1, Sabrina, m. Horace Carpenter, of Vershire, Vt.—ch., (1) Lorenzo D., m. Miss Magoon, went to

California, was killed by the falling of a tree—ch., one ; (2) Lura, m. Stephen Fuller of Vershire—ch., two ; (3) Loraine, (4) Luella ; 2, Danforth, m. Phila Prescott, residence Vershire—ch., (1) Freeman, m. Charlotte Brown, (2) Francis, (3) Frederic, (4) Ethan ; 3, Joseph, m. Susan Guile, residence Vershire—ch., (1) Ellen ; 4, Rial, m. Dianthe Judd, residence Middlesex, Vt. ; 5, Keyes, m. Orinda Alexander, rem. to Illinois—ch. ; five ; 6, Rufus, m. Lucy West, residence Vershire—ch., (1) Emma P., (2) Cora A. ; 7, Selimna, m. Hial Colton of Vershire—ch., (1) Arthur H., (2) Frank. III., David, b. 1788, m. Betsey Gregg who died February 12, 1869 (see John Gregg family)—ch., 1, Hiram, b. 1816, residence Bradford, N. H., m. Polly E. Gove (see Gove family)—ch., (1) George H. ; 2, Solon, m. Sabra Thornton (see Thornton family)—ch., (1) John D., (2) Charles E., (3) Harriet M. ; 3, Polly G., m. Joseph P. Cram (see Cram family) ; 4, Clarissa L., m. Barnet F. Warner (see Warner family) ; 5, John, m. Mary A. Warner (see Warner family) ; 6, Harriet N., d. unm. 1848 ; 7, Betsey M., d. unm. 1856. IV., Samuel, the first of the family born in Acworth, d. young. V., Joseph, b. 1793, d. 1869, m. Asenath Mitchell (see Mitchell family) residence Chillicothe, Ill.—ch., 1, Almond, d. young ; 2, Helen, m. Edward Wallace, s. in Racine, Wis. ; 3, Caroline, m. Ralph Gates, residence Chicago, Ill. ; 4, Sylvester, d. young ; 5, Sarah, d. unm. ; 6, Almond, m. Rebecca Gleason, residence St. Louis, Mo. ; 7, Sylvester, d. young ; 8, Sylvanus, d. young ; 9, —, d. young ; 10, Volney, d. young ; 11, Judson, m. Madora Grosh, residence Chicago, Ill. ; 12, Rollin, residence Chicago ; 13, Sarah C., m. Joseph Thorp, residence in Oswego. VI., Tryphena, m. Oliver Carleton (see Carleton family). VII., Clarissa, m. Joseph F. Carleton (see Carleton family).

EDMUND, PHINEAS, RACHEL, and ANNA BLOOD, were of the second gen. in America ; rem. from Groton, Mass. PHINEAS m. Lois Ingalls, niece of Amos Ingalls, s. in Aeworth 1787—ch., I., Cynthia ; II., Charles ; III., Abbie ; IV., Nancy. ANNA m. James Campbell (see Campbell family). RACHEL m. Jonathan Silsby (see Silsby family). EDMUND s. in Aeworth 1788, m. first Catharine —, — ch., I., Catherine, m. Amasa Keyes (see Keyes family). II., Josiah S., m. Rhoda Currier—ch., 1, Arnold, b. in Aeworth 1799, m. Lovina Newton, residence Whitefield—ch., (1) Orange S., m. Wealthy M. Harvey—ch. two, (2) Lavinia N., m. Horace M. Lindsay—ch. two, (3) Holman D., m. Maria M. Phelps—ch. two, (4) Jared P. ; 2, Varnum, b. in Aeworth 1803, residence Whitefield, m. Lydia Kenney—ch., (1) George, m. Rosanna Holmes—ch. three ; (2) Hannah, m. Albert Nurse, (3) Caroline, m. Ovid Moore—ch. three ; 3, Sylvia, b. in Aeworth 1805, residence Michigan, m. Ebenezer Cudworth—ch., (1) John, (2) Otis, d. in the army, (3) Mary, (4) Josephine, (5) Amelia H. ; 4, Laura, b. 1807, residence Montpelier, m. Joseph Pearson—ch., (1) Joseph, and one d. young ; 5, Leonard, b. 1810, residence Whitefield, m. Mary Jessamine—ch., (1) Charles, (2) Louisa, (3) Ira ; 6, Lial, b. 1812, residence Whitefield, m. — Eastman—ch., (1) Jo-

siah S., m. Jennie Russell, (2) Charles C., d. unm., (3) Almira L., m. Patrick Shallow, (4) Mary Ann ; 7, Rosanna, b. 1815, residence Woodbury, Vt., m. Michael Jackson—ch., (1) Theresa, (2) Weston ; 8, Corono, b. in Aeworth 1818, m. Samuel Jackson—ch., (1) Ann, m. Henry Dodge ; 9, Mindwell, residence Lancaster, m. Joseph Colby—ch., (1) Albert, (2) Frank, (3) Cyrus, (4) Lucinda, (5) Emily, (6) Laura A. ; 10, Royal, residence Lunenburg, m. Lucy A. Heath—ch., (1) Hazen, (2) Clement, (3) Florence, (4) Helen, (5) Burton E., (6) Isabell, (7) Ervin. III., Anna, m. Abner Currier of Unity—ch., 1, Lurena, m. Joseph Way of Lempster—ch., (1) George W., (2) Mary A. ; 2, Relief, d. unm. ; 3, Sabra, d. unm. ; 4 Lewman, d. unm. ; 5, Orphah, m. Lewis Neal of Claremont—ch., (1) Ransom M., m. Julia R. Bailey, d. in war, (2) Laura L., d. unm. ; 6, Nathan B., m. Louisa Janes—ch., (1) Sarah A., (2) George W., (3) John S., (4) Abbie R., (5) Almira J., (6) Nathan J., (7) Hattie, (8) Flora T., (9) Charles P. ; 7, Lorinda, m. Ransom Severns (see Severns family) ; 8, Ursula A., m. David Metcalf of East Boston—ch., (1) Frank ; 9, Pascal W., d. unm. ; 10, Louisa I., m. Samuel L. Pike of Newport, who d. in war—ch., (1) Charles C., (2) Ellen. IV., Simon, rem. to Thomastown, Me. V., Samuel, m. Emily Monroe, residence Stoddard—ch., 1, Mary ; 2, Lucy ; 3, Lomelia ; 4, Nathan M. ; 5, Benjamin F. ; 6, Edmund ; 7, Mary L. ; 8, Samuel. VI., Edmond, m. Lois Woodbury (see Woodbury family), rem. to Ashtabula, Ohio. VII., Nathan, m. Sally Woodbury, (see Woodbury family), rem. to Ashtabula County, Ohio. VIII., Rachel, m. Dan Foster, residence Lempster.

LEMUEL BLOOD of Pepperell Mass., five years a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and in many hard fought battles, s. in Aeworth 1812, m. Lucy Hale of Dunstable, Mass.—ch., 1, Lucy, m. Mark Peasley of Goshen—ch., 1, Daniel, m. Betsey Jeffits of Stoddard, residence Aeworth, a few years ; 2, Reuben ; 3, William ; 4, Noah ; 5, Lucy ; 6, Aaron ; 7, Almon ; 8, Maria. II., Sally, m. — Guernsey of Dummerston, Vt.—ch., 1, Joseph H. G. W. ; 2, Sally. III., Lemuel, d. young. IV., Amy, m. — Guernsey of Dummerston—ch., 1, Hannah ; 2, David ; 3, Joseph ; 4, Jerusha. V., Polly, m. Isaac W. Whitney (see Whitney family). VI., Freeman, m. Sophrona Howe of Alstead—ch., 1, Samuel. VII., Sewell, rem. to New York. VIII., Faxon, m. Alzina Black, s. in Tecumseh, Mich. IX., Esther, m. Benjamin Williams (see Williams family). X., Elijah, rem. to Bradford, Vt., m. Louisa Heath—ch., 1, David ; 2, Sarah. XI., Jonas H., m. Hopewell Thayer (see Philo Thayer family), rem. to Langdon, N. H., and was killed in the raising of the Congregational meeting-house in that place, in 1841—ch., 1, Lovell ; 2, Althea ; 3, Lafayette ; 4, Eliza ; 5, Martha ; 6, Milton. XII., Philinda, m. Leonard Whitney (see Whitney family). XIII., Lemuel, m. Betsey Brooks of Alstead. XIV., Noah, d. young.

JAMES BOWERS, a native of Hancock, was of the fourth generation in this country ; grandfather, Jerathmeel Bowers of Leominster, Mass. ; father,

John Bowers of Hancock. JAMES BOWERS m. Nancy Symonds of Hancock, 1816, s. in Aeworth 1821, d. November, 1858—ch., I., Nancy Symonds, m. Jacob Proctor of Lunenburg, Mass.—ch., 1, James Edmund; 2 Anna E. II., Pamela. III., Maria, m. John Merrill of Boston—ch., 1, Helen M. IV., Lucinda, m. Henry J. Oliver of Boston. V., James L., d. unm., 1849. VI., Joseph Symonds, m. Mary L. Mitchell (see Mitchell family)—ch., 1, Flora E.; 2, Charles D.; 3, Elbron I. VII., Luke Shepherd, m. Thankful M. Newell, studied law with Asa Fowler of Concord; practices in Newport; register of probate for Sullivan County since 1861. VIII., Elizabeth Hannah, d. young. IX., Mary Elizabeth, m. James A. Wood (see Wood family). X., Sarah Jane.

JASON H. BOYNTON, son of Francis of Maine, s. in Aeworth in 1846, m. first Emily L. Houston (see Houston family)—ch., I., Emily Z., m. Luther F. Marks, residence Gilsun; m. second Hannah W. Campbell—ch., II., Adelbert J., d. unm. III., Ira H. IV., Avaline J. V., Nelson A. VI., Frank L.

FREEMAN C. BRACKETT of Marlow, s. in Aeworth in 1865, m. Sarah M. A. Duncan, who d. in 1868 (see Duncan family)—ch., I., Annie L.

JOSEPH BRACKETT, a native of Peterborough, s. in Aeworth 1860, m. Lucretia L. Hunt—ch., I., Charles A.; II., Laura L.

CAPT. SAMUEL BRADFORD served through the whole Revolutionary War, s. in Aeworth in 1805, m. Elizabeth Herrick, d. aged 80—ch., three, Mrs. Judge Cummings of Batavia, N. Y., Mrs. Samuel Jones of Boston, and Augustus; Augustus m. Irene Davidson (see Davidson family)—ch., 1, John D., m. Rachel I. Dyke (see Symonds family), residence Madison, Wis.—ch., (1) Eleanora A., m. W. Pollard—ch., [1] Flora A.; (2) Harriet E.; (3) Oscar M., killed at the battle of Gettysburg; (4) Rouzillyan K. J., wounded at Gettysburg, and d. 1863; (5) Clarissa A., (6) Sylvio Don F., (7) Benjamin F., (8) George W., d., (9) Carrie I., (10) Charlie D.; 2, Fannie C., m. Samuel Veasey of Claremont; 3, Ira, d.; 4, Mary W., m. Ezekiel Woodward; 5, Samuel D., d. in the army; 6, Oriu; 7, Hosea J., m. Marion C. Dyer; 8, Granville, m. Mary Berry—ch., two; 9, Oliver; 10, Martha J., m. Edward Graves of Charlestown; 11, Harriet E., d.; 12, Charles A., m. Delia Ward of Chicago.

ALBA M. BRAGG, son of Roswell and Rachel Bragg, was born in Brandon, Vt.; came from Alstead to Aeworth in 1866, m. Susan D. Allen of Surrey—ch., I., Susan D.; II., Daniel A.; III., Mary J.; IV., Emily M.; V., Marshall F.; VI., Alma E.; VII., Nellie E.

GILMAN BREED came from Lempster to Aeworth in 1853, m. Abigail Webster—ch., I., Charles W.; II., Nellie; III., George N.

WALTER BREED, of Unity, m. first Theda Bailey (see Bailey family)—ch., I., Mary J.; II., Philinda A.; m. second Mahala J. Putney, d. 1857. His widow rem. to Aeworth in 1863—ch. III., George H.; IV., Charles W., m. Maria Green—ch., 1, Rodney F. V., Elijah R. II.; VI., Maria H.; VII., S. Annette; VIII., Leonard E.

JOHN BRIGHAM was of the fifth gen. in America ; fourth gen., Stephen ; third gen., Jedediah ; second gen., Samuel ; first gen., Thomas, who embarked at London for New England in 1635, supposed to be of gentle blood. There is a parish called Brigham (Bridge house) from the number of bridges in it, in the north of England, where the family originated. JOHN m. Lydia Howe of Princeton (relative of the Aeworth Howes), s. in Aeworth in 1805—ch., I., Joel, d. young. II., Rufus, b. 1791 d. 1867, m. Elizabeth Duncan (see Duncan family)—ch., 1, Harvey, m. Mary L. Ulwich, residence Pana, Ill. ; 2, Elizabeth A., m. Daniel Ryder (see Ryder family) ; 3, Marinda, d. young ; 4, Martha L., m. David Anderson (see Anderson family). III., John, m. Mrs. Eunice H. Clark, residence Worcester, Vt.—ch., 1, Lydia, m. — Iddo—ch., (1) Eunice, (2) Mary ; 2, Susan ; 3, George W. ; 4, Silas H. ; 5, Marshall. IV., Lucy, m. Jared Beckwith (see Beckwith family). V., Polly, m. Samuel McKean (see McKean family). VI., Matilda, m. Martin Mason (see Mason family). VII., Silas, m. Sarah Manchester, residence Rhode Island—ch., 1, Sarah E. ; 2, Charles W. ; 3, Beniah W. ; 4, Henry W. R. VIII., Lydia, m. Henry McClure (see McClure family). IX., Betsey, m. Almon Wetherbee—ch., 1, Mary M. ; 2, Angeline ; 3, Lydia M. JOHN BRIGHAM, nephew of JOHN BRIGHAM above mentioned, m. Mary M. Moore (see Moore family), s. in Aeworth, and rem. to Keesville, N. Y.—ch., I., William M., residence Milwaukee, Wis.—ch., I., Charles R. II., Mary G., d. young. III., Mary C., m. Isaac G. Goodrich, residence Illinois. IV., Lucy E., d. 1849. V., Martha A., m. William Hazelton—ch., 1, William B. ; 2, Frances S. VI., Justinian II. VII., Sarah E., m. Ezekiel Cutter, Esq., residence Iowa—ch., 1, John F. ; 2, Mary B. VIII., Martha M.

DR. LYMAN BROOKS, a native of Alstead, m. Mary G. Graham, came to Aeworth in 1826, (see notice of him in Mr. Breed's response)—ch., I., William Erskine. II., Mary G., m. Isaac Woodbury (see Woodbury family). III., Lyman J., graduated at the law school in Albany, commenced practice in Claremont in company with Ira Colby, Jr. ; is now Clerk of the Court of Sullivan County. IV., George B., graduated at Dartmouth College, 1860 ; taught the Institute at Northfield, Vt., until March, 1861 ; Superintendent of Public Schools, Gloucester, Mass., until July, 1862 ; in the same position at Beloit, Wis., two years ; read law with Lester & Pond, Saratoga Springs, attending in the meantime the law school at Albany, N. Y. ; now practising law at East Saginaw, Mich. ; m. Abbie D. Mansfield. V., Josephine L., m. A. S. Findley (see Findley family). VI., N. Grout, read medicine with his father ; studied at Dartmouth Medical College ; graduated at Albany Medical College in 1861 ; appointed Surgeon in the Sixteenth Regiment of Vermont Volunteers ; after the discharge of the regiment appointed Assistant Surgeon in the U. S. General Hospital at Brattleboro, Vt. ; is now practising medicine in Aeworth. VII., Ellen, d. young. VIII., John G., d. young. IX., Rollo II., d. young.

CHAPIN K. BROOKS, brother of Dr. Brooks, s. in Acworth 1844, m. first Pamela Graham (see Graham family)—ch., I., Sarah Ann, m. Hiram Haywood (see Haywood family). II., Jane, m. Freeman Haywood (see Haywood family). III., William. IV., John G. V., Henry A. Mr. Brooks m. second Sarah A. Murdough (see Murdough family).

AARON BROWN, whose father was an officer in the Revolutionary army, m. Polly Gates—ch., I., Aaron, m. Eadey Watts (see Watts family)—ch., 1, Eadie D., m. Capt. George Stevens of Marlow; 2, Mary M., m. Amos Fletcher of Hollis; 3, Isaac, m. Frances L. Bundy, s. in Surry—ch., (1) George B., (2) Charles H., (3) Mary, (4) Frederie; 4, Samuel, d. unm.; 5, Martha M., m. Samuel C. Savory of Alstead—ch., (1) Eugene J., (2) George L., (3) Emily D.; 6, John C., m. Jennette Snow, residence Walpole—ch., (1) Angibelle, d. young, (2) Annette, (3) Orr W.; 7, George R., practising law in Newport; read law with Edmund Burke; studied at Tufts College; 8, Maria L., m. Moses Moulton (see Moulton family); 9, James H.; 10, Emily A. II., Polly, m. Alden Gee of Marlow—ch., 1, Polly R., d. young; 2, Harriet A.; 3, Lucinda, d. young; 4, Lucinda; 5, Allie M.; 6, Betsey M.; 7, Nathan; 8, Marinda; 9, Elsie; 10, Dustin A.; 11, Mary F. III., Isaac, m. first Mary Newton (see Newton family)—ch., 1, Coolidge N., residence California. III., Isaac, m. second Sarah A. Bliss—ch., 2, Charles N.; 3, Sylvester; 4, Mary.

FRANCIS and GARDINER BROWN were of the seventh gen. in America, Francis of Marlow being the sixth, b. 1755; Jonathan of Watertown, fifth, b. 1724; Jonathan of Watertown, fourth, b. 1694; Abraham of Watertown, third, b. 1679; Jonathan of Watertown, second, b. 1635; and Abraham Browne, the first, was a surveyor, and the first settler in Watertown; came from Bury St. Edmunds about 1630. FRANCIS s. in Acworth in 1818; m. Lucinda Alexander (see Alexander family)—ch., I., Nancy, m. Horace Mason (see Mason family). II., Mariuda, m. Frederie Grout (see Grout family). III., Calvin A., m. Nancy Davis—ch., 1, Edward Payson; 2, Lucinda; 3, Martha. IV., Lorin, m. Eveline Knowles—ch., 1, Francis; 2, George; 3, Frederie. V., Selie Osborne, m. Maria Whipple—ch., 1, Harriet; 2, Mary Ella. VI., Lucinda, d. unm. VII., Lois, m. George Houston (see Houston family). VIII., Guilford Dudley, m. Mary E. Fisher—ch., 1, Guilford Dudley; 2, Mary Adelaide; 3, Edmund Janes; 4, Henry Eddie. GARDINER s. in Acworth, m. Lucinda Prescott—ch., I., Francis G., m. and residence Boston. II., Martha P., m. Charles Robinson (see Robinson family).

JUBAL BUCK of Reading, Vt., s. in Acworth in 1862, m. Candace Jones—ch., I., Anna E.; II., Anise L.; III., Jonathan B.; IV., Rollo J.

JOHN BUCKMINSTER, a native of Francestown, s. in Acworth 1850, m. first Elvira Beckwith, m. second Miriam Miller—ch., I., William A., d. unm. II., Henry M., d. in army. III., Clara E., d. unm. IV., John C.

ORNA B. BURNHAM of Hillsborough, m. Mary M. Gould, (see Symonds



family), s. in Acworth 1845—ch., I., Henry F., m. Jennie A. Kennedy (see Kennedy family). II., John M., d. young. III., Mary L.

DAVID BUSS, son of David, native of Marlborough, and Anna Jones of Dublin, m. Abigail C. Mack, daughter of Jonathan Mack of Charlestown, came from Marlow to Acworth in 1835.

RODNEY BUSS, of Wilton, s. in Acworth in 1841, m. A. Huntley—ch., I., George W. FRANCIS BUSS, brother of Rodney, s. in Acworth in 1841, m. Mary F. Butler—ch., I., Henry T. II., John W. III., Ezra A. IV., Elma A. (Last two are twins.)

MRS. JOHN BUSWELL, a native of Goffstown, m. her second husband, William Addison, and brought her family by her first husband to this town in 1806, consisting of I., Ebenezer, m. Jane Kemp—ch., 1, Ermina J., m. Joseph Beckwith—ch., (1) Edward S., m. ———, had one child; 2, Abraham, d. young; 3, Aurilla B., d. unm.; 4, Judith H., m. Robert Kennedy (see Kennedy family); 5, George M., residence East Elmore, Vt., m. Laura Cooper—ch., (1) Charles F., (2) Lillie; 6, Horace, m. Mrs. Louisa (Symonds) Richardson (see Symonds family)—ch., (1) Cordelia A., (2) Elbridge, (3) Clara, (4) Lyman; 7, Lyman, m. Cornelia Slader—ch., (1) Eva E., (2) Albert E., (3) Nellie M., (4) Lillie, (5) Alma, (6) Edward, (7) Nannie; 8, Daniel, m. Alzira Currier—ch., (1) Clarence L., (2) Lizzie I., (3) ———; 9, Hiram P., m. first Marietta Thompson, residence Hawkly, Vernon County, Wis., m. second Josephine Bemis; 10, Abraham, m. Mary Caulkins, residence Nashua, Iowa—ch., (1) Jennie, d. young, (2) Roland, (3) Clinton; 11, Betsey, m. J. Milton Mears of Peterborough—ch., (1) Ellie E., (2) George, (3) Frank; 12, Nancy A., m. Hosea Proctor of Stoddard—ch., (1) Herbert L., (2) Edgar W., (3) Willie E. II., Joseph, m. Rebecca Hoag, residence Goffstown—ch., 1, Mary A., m. W. H. W. Ball—ch., (1) Clarabell; 2, Thomas B., m. Harriet Eveleth—ch., (1) Emma; 3, Pamelia, m. first William B. Cook—ch., (1) William H., (2) Mary L., d. young; 3, Pamelia m. second James M. Reed (see Reed family). III., John, m. Desire Polly (see Polly family)—ch., 1, Nancy, m. Daniel W. Thompson; 2, Orlando, m. first Betsey Pierce—ch., (1) Ella L.; m. second Martha Wilson; m. third Elizabeth Prescott, residence Hooksett; 3, Amos, m. Julia A. Reed (see Reed family); 4, Gardiner, m. Abbie Caswell, residence Vermont—ch., (1) Ada, (2) Freddie; 5, Mary, m. Dexter Pierce of East Jaffrey—ch., (1) J. Minot, (2) Lorin D., (3) Willie, (4) Dora F., (5) Jessie, (6) Austin, (7) Myron; 6, Sarah, m. Solon Anderson of Unity (see Ingalls family); 7, Martin Van B., m. Hattie Peacock, residence Minnesota—ch., (1) William H., (2) Sarah A. IV., Nancy, m. Benjamin Kemp (see Kemp family). V., James, m. Mary Lakin—ch., 1, Solon, d. unm.; 2, Nancy J., m. John W. Wheeler (see Wheeler family); 3, Emeline, m. Oshea Lincoln, residence Charlestown, Mass.—ch., (1) George, (2) Arthur; 4, Desire, d. unm.; 5, Joseph; 6, Sarah A., m. David Richards, residence Charlestown—ch., (1) Albert II., (2) Emma T., (3) Stella M.; 7, Hannah,

m. Curtis R. Spaulding, residence Lunenburg, Vt.—ch., (1) Alice, (2) Frederic, (3) Charles, (4) Jennie, (5) Nellie, (6) Oliver; 8, John F., m. Lydia Peasley; 9, Mary A.

BENJAMIN BUTTERFIELD m. Polly Hackleton about 1803—ch., I., Polly, m. Joel Newton (see Newton family). II., Nancy, m. Samuel Griffin (see Griffin family). III., Docia, m. Ezra Miner (see Miner family). IV., Shubel. V., Benjamin. VI., Coolidge, rem. to Walpole.

*Daniel Campbell* (a lineal descendant of John Campbell, Duke of Argyle), b. in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1660; was an officer in the army of William the Third, and was in the battle of "Boyne Waters." At the close of that war he settled in the north of Ireland. Among his children were Henry, b. in 1697, m. Martha Black, and sailed with his wife and five sons to America in 1733. These sons were William, Samuel, James, John, and Henry. Another son, Daniel, was b. in America, who lived in Amherst to the advanced age of 100 years. All these sons, except James, had families. The father d. in 1785, aged 88 years. Of these six sons, William, Samuel, and Henry have descendants in Acworth. Of William's five sons, James, David, and Daniel were soldiers in the Continental army. After their discharge, James and Daniel s. in Acworth. James was discharged on account of sickness, having been brought to the point of death by small-pox and camp fever. He was a weaver, a common occupation of the men among the Scotch-Irish of that day. His warm coverlets are still remembered by the oldest.

JAMES CAMPBELL, m. first Anna Blood (see Blood family) in 1779—ch., I., William, d. in Barnet, Vt., 1809. II., Molly, m. Eliphalet Carrier (see Carrier family). III., Amos, m. first Martha, daughter of David Campbell of Windham—ch., 1, Eliza, m. Rev. William S. Lewis of Oberlin, Ohio; 2, Harriet, m. Newton Gage (see Gage family); 3, William. III., Amos, m. second Polly Ingalls, daughter of Amos Ingalls (see Ingalls family). IV., Anna, m. John Buel of Newport, d. in Norwich, Vt. V., Betsey, m. Jesse Thornton (see Thornton family). VI., Sally., d. unm. in 1819. VII., Sophia, m. Samuel Newman of Washington—ch., 1, Nancy Jane, m. Rev. Lorenzo Draper of Claremont. VIII., Minda, d. young. IX., David, m. Sylvia Taylor of Washington—ch., 1., Moses D., m. Paulina Whittemore—ch., (1) Ella, b. 1847, (2) Hattie, (3) Charles, (4) Julian, (5) Sylvia, (6) Edith; 2, Miranda, d. young; 3, Miranda S.; 4, Leander V. E.; 5, an infant son; 6, George; 7, James, m. Caroline St. John—ch., (1) Samuel St. J., (2) William D., (3) James; 8, an infant; 9, George Thompson, served three years in army in late war, m. Martha Whittemore; 10, Mary M.; 11, Emma C. Six of these children d. in childhood. Three of the sons were pioneer settlers in Wright County, Minnesota. IX., David, m. second Nancy Parker. JAMES CAMPBELL m. second Mrs. Anna Nurse, the mother of Mrs. William McClure and Mrs. William Jackson—ch., X., Mindia, m. Asa D. Moore (see Moore family).

DANIEL CAMPBELL, brother of JAMES, m. first Jane Wallace (see Wallace family), s. in Acworth, 1785—ch., I., Henry, went through Dartmouth College but did not graduate for reasons entirely honorable to himself, rem. to the West. II., May, m. Luther Stuart of Berlin, Vt. Of her a friend writes: "Mrs. Stuart was in some respects a remarkable woman, singularly well-read for her opportunities in English literature and especially in the whole range of English poets." She was "wonderfully sympathetic, affectionate, and magnetic in her influence upon others." Her children were, 1, Henry L., read law with Hon. A. L. Baker of Buffalo, N. Y.; studied medicine with Dr. Hatch of Fort Ann, N. Y.; from 1837 to 1840 a civil engineer in Michigan; has resided in New York City since 1844, where he has been interested in the development of various appliances of inventive mechanics, and associated with various reformatory movements in the city. "His varied pursuits have brought him into contact with most of the leading thinkers and workers of the metropolis. He has long been known as perhaps the most trusted personal friend of Horace Greeley." In 1856 he m. Maria L. Stoddard of Hudson, N. Y.; 2, Volney H., has been twice m., and has a large family of children; 3, Carlos D., for four years chief editor of the New York Sun; for two years published a daily paper of his own called "The New Yorker." He published in his boyhood a book of poems entitled "Ianthé and other poems." In his "Recollections of a Busy Life," Horace Greeley writes of him: "Of those I knew and loved in youth the majority have already crossed the dark river, and I will not impose even their names upon an unsympathizing world. Among them is . . . a young poet of promise, who was slowly yielding to consumption, when the tidings of our Bull Run disaster snapped short his thread of life." He left a wife and daughter, res. Long Island; 4, Caroline J., m. Walter Hewitt. She assisted her brother Henry in the organization of the Woman's Hospital in New York; 5, Mary E., m. James Corning, res. Troy; 6, John R., res. Irvington, N. Y.; 7, Rosamond C., m. ——— Nourse of New York, Agricultural Implement Manufacturer. III., John. IV., Seth. V., Charlotte, m. Sylvester Deming—ch., 1, Seth; 2, Nancy Jane, m. William Balloch—ch., (1) Ellen T., (2) Emily A., (3) William W., (4) Mary L. VI., Nancy W., m. John Davis—ch., 1, Louis; 2, Orzro; 3, Oscar. DANIEL CAMPBELL m. second, Ann Houston of Bedford—ch., VII., Jane, d. young. VIII., Susannah H., m. T. M. Dickey (see Dickey family). IX., Thomas J., m. Naomi Terry of Whitefield, Me.—ch., 1, Daniel; 2, Mary T.; 3, Laura A.; 4, John E.; 5, Amanda; 6, Emma; 7, Cora. X., Joseph, d. young. XI., William, m. Nancy Nash of Gilsum, d. in St. Joseph, Mo., 1851—ch., 1, Adoniram J.; 2, Rosalba T.


ISAAC CAMPBELL, (son of Samuel, the second brother whose descendants came to Acworth,) was b. in Windham, 1766, s. in Acworth about 1794, m. Nancy Miller of Bedford in 1795—ch., I., Mathew M., m. Olive C. Moody, 1816—ch., 1, Wilson, m. Mary J. Allcock, res. Charlestown—ch.,

(1) Charles W., (2) Fred, and four others; 2, Abel, m. first Lizzie Page, m. second Rachel Witham, res. Lowell—ch., (1) Claude; 3. Nancy, m. Jacob Boyce, res. Providence, R. I.—ch., (1) Ellen, and four others; 4, Mary, m. Hiram Bean, res. Boston—ch., (1) Alice; 5, Sarah J., res. Lowell. II., Henry, m. Amira Abel, 1822 (see Abel family)—ch., 1, Emily, m. first William Lewis, res. Nashua—ch., (1) Ellen, m. George McDuffie (see McDuffie family); 1, Emily, m. second Haynes Batchelor of Nashua—ch., (2) Laura; 2, Julia, m. Joseph Tasker, res. Nashua—ch., (1) George; 3, Laura; 4, Maria, m. George Porter of Nashua; 5, Mary Jane, m. John Clark (see Clark family); 6, Henry, d. young. III., Horace, m. Sarah Grout in 1825 (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Mary G., m. Charles B. Cummings (see Cummings family); 2, Sarah A., m. Henry Silsby (see Silsby family); 3, Nancy, m. Rev. Chester Dingman; 4, Freeman H., m. Mariette Grout (see Grout family)—ch., (1) Amy D.; 5, Sylvester, m. Maria Manson, d. in a military hospital in Louisiana, Assistant Surgeon in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment (see Dr. A. R. Cummings' response); 6, Ebenezer G. IV., Mary M., m. first Joseph Barney (see Barney family), m. second Abel Bailey (see Bailey family). V., Isaac, m. Doreas Glendenning, 1832, m. second Mrs. Rhoda (Emery) Steele. VI., Nancy, m. John G. Paige (see Paige family). VII., Sarah, m. Zia Peck (see Peck family). ISAAC CAMPBELL m. second Fannie Chatterton (see Chatterton family), m. third Mrs. Susanna Hall.

JAMES CAMPBELL, son of Henry Campbell (the youngest of the five sons who emigrated from Ireland) and Janet Mack, who was b. on the ocean,—was b. in Londonderry; enlisted in the Continental service for three years or during the war in 1777; was wounded in the battle of Stillwater. After peace was declared in 1783, he rem. to Acworth, having purchased his farm in 1781. He was much employed as a surveyor and conveyancer; kept school in various places in the winter from 1783 to '91. He was often in office in the town, as will be seen by reference to the list of town officers. The accuracy with which he kept the town records, and his penmanship, were remarkable for the times. He was elected Register of Deeds in the County of Cheshire in 1803; held the office by successive re-elections until his death, in 1825, without opposition. His son Lewis held it in the same manner from his father's death until 1836, at which time he resigned on account of ill health. JAMES CAMPBELL m. Desire Slader (see Slader family)—ch., I., Henry, b. 1793, d. 1855, m. Sarah Cummings—ch., 1, Charles Henry; 2, Mary Helen, m. James C. Tucker—ch., (1) Edward, (2) James; 3, George Lewis, d. young; 4, George Lewis, m. Mary J. Cummings—ch., (1) Harry. II., James Harvey, d. 1851. III., Emily, m. Lewis Gilmore—ch., 1, Albert West, b. 1822, m. Louise Way; 2, George Mason, m. Sophia Metcalf—ch., (1) George H., (2) Frank M., (3) Minnie S., (4) Jennie M., (5) Julia H., (6) Albertine L.; 3, Solon Campbell, d. young; 4, Emily Augusta; 5, Solon Campbell, m. Annie L. Cleveland; 6, Julia Helen; 7,





Constantine  
Lewis Campbell  


Harriet L., m. Winslow C. Neal (see Neal family). IV., Mason, m. Mary L. Chaddock—ch., 1, James Calvin; 2, Albert Henry, m. Mary P. Stebbins—ch., (1) Edward L., (2) Fannie C., (3) Albert M., (4) Charles; 3, Duleie C., d. young; 4, John M.; 5, Adah B., m. Charles Demond—ch., (1) Charles M., (2) Mary A.; 6, Mary A.; 7, George C. V. Solon, d. young. VI., Lewis. VII., Sarah S., m. John S. Walker. VIII., Jane C., m. Cyrrel Carpenter—ch., 1, James S.; 2, Jane A.; 3, Sarah C. IX., Mary W., m. Elbridge Keyes. X., Edna A., m. William Whittaker—ch., 1, Willieanna.

RUFUS CAREY of Lempster came to Acworth in 1856, m. first Persis E. Gleason (see Gleason family), m. second Susan A. Dodge (see Asa Dodge family).

DEAN CARLETON rem. from Lunenburg, Mass. to Charlestown about 1767, to Acworth in 1771, m. Keziah —; was one of the eight original members of the Congregational Church—ch., I., Dean, m. first Thankful Byam, m. second Lucy Ingalls—ch., 1, Amos, m. Charlotte Griffin—ch., (1) Guy, (2) Chester, (3) Ira B., (4) Mary, (5) Janes, (6) William; 2, John B., m. Rhoda Monroe, residence Cambridge, Mass.—ch., (1) Maria R., (2) Hollis, (3) John D.; 3, Guy, m. first Betsey Fisher, residence Wisconsin—ch., (1) Roswell, (2) Thomas, (3) Phebe, (4) Martha, (5) Hollis, (6) Tirzah, (7) Charles; 4, Polly, m. Obed Fisher—ch., (1) Thurston, (2) Eliza, (3) Charlotte; 5, George, m. Eliza Hastings—ch., (1) George, (2) William, (3) Hubbard A., (4) Eliza; 6, Roswell, m. first Eunice Tucker, m. second Mrs. Betsey (Pearsons) Hovey (see Pearsons family), residence Whitefield—ch., (1) Serena D., (2) Mary T., (3) Frances J.; 7, Thomas, residence Cambridge; 8, Willard, m. first Clarissa Smith (see William Smith family), m. second Comfort Kimball, residence St. Johnsbury, Vt.—ch., (1) Charles G., (2) Mary J., (3) Albert W., (4) Henrietta, (5) Maria C., (6) Frank W.; 9, Daniel, residence Hopkinton, Mass.; 10, Tirzah, m. Joseph Heaton of Franklin, Mass.—ch., (1) Albert, (2) Joseph, (3) George, (4) Samuel, (5) Mary A., (6) Melinda; 11, Sarah, m. Hezekiah Hawkins, residence Massachusetts. II., George (son of DEAN, Sr.), m. Elizabeth Plunkett, residence Philadelphia. III., Willard, m. first Joan Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., 1, Malvina; 2, Joan; m. second Hannah Perkins. IV., Jonathan, m. Polly Butler, residence Cincinnati. V., Abigail, m. William Orcutt (see Orcutt family). VI., Phebe, m. Samuel Sprague West (see West family). VII., Polly, m. Andrew Woodbury (see Woodbury family). VIII., Betsey, m. John Barney of St. Johnsbury—ch., 1, George; 2, Julia; 3, John; 4, Maria. IX., Tirzah, m. Presby West, residence St. Johnsbury—ch., 1, Lewis; 2, Harriet; 3, Lois; 4, Presby; 5, Tirzah.

OLIVER CARLETON, a native of Mt. Vernon, s. in Acworth about 1804, m. Mary Farnum—ch., I., Oliver, m. Tryphena Blanchard (see Blanchard family) in 1814—ch., 1, Mary, d. young; 2, Clarissa, m. Thomas S. Ring, d. in Java, N. Y., 1848—ch., (1) John C., d. young; 3, Caroline, d. young; 4, Louisa, m. George W. Nye—ch., (1) George W. C.; 5, Oliver,

d. young ; 6, Caroline, m. Seth Leonard—ch., (1) Clara J. ; 7, David B., d. young ; 8, Lucinda, m. Thomas S. Ring—ch., (1) Annette A. and (2) Maria L., (twins), (3) Guy. II., Joseph F., m. Clarissa Blanchard (see Blanchard family)—ch., 1, Emily, m. Horace Orr—ch., (1) Charles, (2) Joseph O., d. young ; 2, John C. ; 3, Nancy B., m. Joel Osborne ; 4, Alonzo ; 5, Clarista J., m. Winthrop Davis—ch., (1) Evelyn, (2) Alonzo ; 6, Ann E. ; 7, Angeline M., d. young ; 8, Joseph O., m. first Lavenna Prescott, m. second Charlotte Fellows—ch., (1) Ada, (2) Joseph ; 9, Hiram W. ; 10, Angeline M., m. Freeman W. Twilight ; 11, Delinda, m. George A. Ames—ch., (1) Gertrude A., (2) Julia ; 12, Julia C., m. Henry D. McArthur—ch., (1) Bertie. III., Granville C., m. Mary Meader, residence in Amesbury—ch., 1, Granville ; 2, Mary ; 3, Jane ; 4, Charles ; 5, Thomas J. O. IV., Mary F., m. Amos Woodbury (see Woodbury family). V., John, d. unm. VI., Hannah F., m. Jeremiah Fuller of Vershire—ch., 1, William ; 2, Melissa ; 3, Evaline ; 4, Angeline ; 5, Plyman B. VII., Stephen, m. Fannie Smith, residence Claremont—ch., 1, Mary M., m. Henry B. Freeman ; 2, Amanda ; 3, George H., m. Mary McLaughlin ; 4, Elijah S. ; 5, Helen M. ; 6, Samuel S. ; 7, Charles W., m. Amanda Hersey. VIII., Benjamin Franklin, m. Betsey Lothrop, residence Morristown, Vt.—ch., 1, Alfred ; 2, John. IX., Amy, d. unm. X., George, residence New Brunswick, m. Althea Bates. XI., Enoch, residence Portland, m. Mary Lane—ch., 1, Charles. XII., Samuel, m. Eliza Spencer, residence Claremont.

DR. STEPHEN CARLETON, brother of Oliver, s. in Acworth in 1803. He was the earliest comer of the trio of doctors who have spent their lives in Acworth, whose names will never be forgotten in town. "He was a man of few words, a gentleman of the old school, kind and generous in his feelings, and always trying to do his best when his services were required." There was no disposition in him to humbug people to promote his business interests. It was a favorite saying of his, "If people were aware how little doctors knew, they would not trust them as they did." He was quite successful in his practice, especially in fevers. He never married. He died in 1857, aged 86.

HORACE CHAPMAN came from Lempster to Acworth in 1832, m. Mahala Gould—ch., I., George A., m. Ruth J. Smith (see Smith family), residence Wheaton, Ill. II., Elizabeth A., m. James Putnam of Charlestown. III., Isaac N.

MOSES CHASE, m. Betsey Woods (see Woods family)—ch., I., Andros, m. Huldah Clark—ch., 1, Edward, d. in the army. II., Nancy A., m. Peletiah Clark (see Clark family).

JOSEPH CHATTERTON was the son of Abraham, the grandson of Joseph, one of two brothers who emigrated from England to New Haven, Ct. JOSEPH s. in Acworth 1768. He was however present in town the preceding year. A part of this time there was not another white person in town. He



m. Hepzibah Brown—ch., I., Benjamin, m. Eunice Woodbury (see Henry Woodbury family), residence Middlesex, Vt.—ch., 1, Eunice, m. Joel Cummings ; 2, Benjamin, m. Milly Sanders ; 3, Horace, m. Roxy Woodbury ; 4, Charlotte, m. first — — —, m. second — — — Miller ; 5, Clara, m. C. S. Wisley ; 6, John, m. Jane Marion ; 7, Vernon ; 8, Hannah, d. unm. ; 9, Philena, m. — — — Loomis. II., Fanny, m. Isaac Campbell, Sr. (see Campbell family). III., Polly, m. Philip Hoyt, son of Dr. Oliver's wife by her first husband, residence Middlesex, Vt.—ch., 1, Orlin ; 2, Phila ; 3, Granville ; 4, Fannie ; 5, Zelda ; 6, Franklin. IV., Phila, m. Newell Wadleigh of Canada—ch., 1, Hiram ; 2, Mary ; 3, Lucy ; 4, Joseph ; 5, Araminta. V., Lucy, m. William Livingston, residence Potsdam, N. Y.—ch., 1, Fannie ; 2, Anna ; 3, Lucy ; 4, Lavonia ; 5, William ; 6, Joseph ; 7, Benjamin ; 8, James. VI., Joseph, m. Roxanna Cummings, residence Stirling—ch., 1, Milon ; 2, Daniel ; 3, Azubah A., burned to death ; 4, Alonzo. VII., Alpheus, m. Esther Richardson—ch., 1, George H., m. Ann Tutherly, residence Charlestown—ch., (1) Lizzie H., m. Richard Cornwell, (2) Martha A., (3) Grace C. ; 2, Laura L., d. young ; 3, Edwin S., m. Sarah Wilcox—ch., (1) Clara S., d. young, (2) Myra S., (3) Minnie E. ; 4, Alonzo L., m. Emily Bowles—ch., (1) Emma A. ; 5, Mary J., d. young ; 6, Mary L.

IDDŌ CHURCH, a native of Gilsum, m. first Emeline Kemp—ch., I., Sally A., m. Otis Hapgood of Winchester, Mass.—ch., two. IDDŌ CHURCH m. second Betsey Hovey (see Hovey family)—ch., II., Azal, m. Lydia J. Symington.

EPHRAIM CLARK came from Weare to Acworth in 1799, d. 1803, m. Huldah Clement—ch., I., Joseph, d. young. II., Jonathan, d. young. III., Ruth, d. young. IV., Eleanor, m. Robert Huntley (see Huntley family). V., Lydia, m. Samuel Prentiss (see Prentiss family). VI., Polly, m. Samuel McKen (see McKen family). VII., Ephraim, m. Huldah Williams (see Williams family)—ch., 1, John, m. — — — Kemp ; 2, Lydia, d. young ; 3, Huldah, m. Andros Chase (see Chase family) ; 4, Ephraim, d. young ; 5, Peletiah, m. Nancy A. Chase (see Chase family)—ch., (1) J. Tyler, m. Lizzie H. Johnston—ch., [1] Lizzie A., [2] Clara E., [3] Minnie E. ; (2) George D., m. Louisa J. Millikin—ch., [1] Susie B. ; 6, Ephraim ; 7, Mary, m. Daniel Pratt of Walpole—ch., (1) George, d. young, (2) Mary ; 8, Sarah, m. Richard Nason of Boston ; 9, Lydia, d. young ; 10, Phineas, d. young ; 11, Alvira, m. J. W. Barber of Mason, Mass.—ch., (1) George W., (2) Charlie. VIII., Peletiah, m. first Mary McKen (see McKen family)—ch., 1, John W., m. Phebe Huff of Maine—ch., (1) Mary Jane, (2) Hellen, (3) John W., d. young, (4) Isadore, (5) Fred, d. young. VIII., Peletiah, m. second Lois Brooks of Alstead—ch., 2, Harvey, d. young.

GEORGE, JOHN, and MARY CLARK were the children of *Samuel* and grandchildren of *James Clark*, one of the first settlers of Londonderry. Their aunt Eleanor m. Robert Hemphill (see Hemphill family). MARY m. Rob-

ert Clark (see Thomas Clark family). GEORGE CLARK was b. 1768 in Windham, m. first Peggy Gilmore, s. in Acworth 1792—ch., I., Samuel G., m. first Phebe Darling of Groton, Vt.—ch., 1, Calvin, m. Lucy Ann Frost—ch., two ; 2, Sarah, m. Charles Whittemore, residence Portsmouth—ch., (1) Charles, (2) George ; 3, Newton H., d. young. I., Samuel G., m. second Martha Rhodes—ch., 4, Morris, m. Clementine Glyn of Haverhill ; 5, Newton H., m. Emily Hatch of Groton, residence Janesville, Wis.—ch., (1) Emma, (2) Lavinia, (3) Gilmore ; 6, Phebe, m. Allen Bailey, residence Haverhill ; 7, Martha J., d. young. II., Calvin, m. Sophy Campbell of Windham, residence Mooretown, Vt.—ch., 1, Dianthe, m. Rev. William C. High, residence Lowell—ch., (1) Belle ; 2, Mary Ann, m. Charles Liscumb, residence Turtle, Wis.—ch., (1) Samuel, (2) Martha, m. William Prentiss of Mooretown, Vt., (3) Matilda, (4) Charles, (5) Frank ; 3, Samuel Gilmore, d. unm. ; 4, John C., m. Ellen A. Spafford, residence Creseo, Iowa—ch., (1) Sarah, (2) Emma ; 5, Nathan O., m. Ellen J. Carpenter, residence Janesville, Wis.—ch., (1) Nathan. II., Calvin, m. second Martha (Rhodes) Clark. III., Nancy, m. Nathan Oreutt (see Oreutt family.) IV., Morris, m. Lucy Y., daughter of Hon. Ambrose Cossit of Claremont—ch., 1, George M., d. young ; 2, Maria P., m. Dr. G. S. Gove (see Gove family) ; 3, Emily C., m. Hartwell H. Southworth of Whitefield ; 4, Lucy E., m. Marshall P. Brace, residence Janesville, Wis. ; 5, Mary Jane. V., Maria, m. Prosper A. Pierce of Mooretown, Vt.—ch., 1, Stephen C., m. Sarah Green of Janesville, Wis.—ch., (1) George, (2) Frank, (3) Arthur, (4) Ella, (5) John ; 2, George Morris, m. Ann Comstock, residence Idaho. VI., John W., d. young. GEORGE CLARK m. second Mrs. Esther (Rogers) Hobbs (see Hobbs family)—ch., VII., John, m. ———, residence Londonderry, Vt.—ch., five. VIII., Uriah W., d. unm. JOHN CLARK m. Sally Grey—ch., I., Robert, m. Sophia Silsby (see Silsby family). II., Polly, m. William Wallace (see James Wallace family). III., Samuel, residence Unity, m. Abigail Howe (see Howe family)—ch., 1, Lucy, m. Abner Sleeper of Unity ; 2, Moses, residence Wilton, m. Julia Gay (see Gay family)—ch., (1) Josephine L., (2) Frank G., (4) Ada M. ; 3, Horace ; 4, Alvira, m. ——— Perkins ; 5, Betsey, m. Frank Case ; 6, Louisa, d. unm. ; 7, Mary A., d. unm. ; 8, Charles, m. Mahala Hull (see Hull family) ; 9, Emeline, d. unm. ; 10, Dean. IV., Matthew, rem. to Ohio. V., John, rem. to Ohio. VI., George, m. Lucinda Davis. VII., Bradley, residence Charlestown, Mass. VIII., Sally, killed by being thrown from a wagon. IX., James, m. ——— Hutchins, residence Boston. X., Sophia, m. ——— Hutchins, residence Boston. XI., Thomas, rem. to Ohio.

THOMAS CLARK, a native of Londonderry, b. 1744, m. Jane Alexander, sister of Mrs. John Robb (see Robb family), s. in Acworth 1777—ch., I., Robert, b. 1773, m. first Mary Clark (sister of JOHN and GEORGE)—ch., 1, Betsey, b. 1799, m. John Pearson (see Pearson family) ; 2, Amos, b. 1801, m. Leura Hall, residence Plymouth—ch., (1) Charles R., (2) Mary E., (3)



*Morris Bleby,*



Ella A., (4) George A., (5) Myron J. ; 3, Hiram, d. young ; 4, Mary, m. Ezra Miner (see Miner family). I., Robert, m. second Sally Wyman—ch., 5, Hiram, b. 1817, m. Abby L. Hammond, d. in Lawrence, Kansas, 1855 ; 6, Robert, b. 1819, m. Augusta C. Caryl, residence San Francisco—ch., (1) Ella A., (2) Abbie Louisa, (3) Freddie H., (4) George S., (5) Willie L. ; 7, Thomas, m. Cordelia A. Richardson, residence Cambridgeport, was Lieutenant-Colonel in the Twenty-Seventh Regiment of Ohio Volunteers in the late war—ch., (1) Walter T., (2) Ida A., (3) Earnest R. ; 8, William, d. young ; 9, Sallie, d. young ; 10, Sarah A., b. 1827, m. Henry M. Bird, residence Somerville, Mass.—ch., (1) George H., (2) Sarah A., (3) Emma, (4) Freddie. II., Martha, b. 1777, m. Bradley Mitchell. III., William, b. 1779, m. Margaret Mitchell (see Mitchell family), residence New London—ch., 1, Bradley M., d. young ; 2, William, m. Nancy Mitchell (see Mitchell family) ; 3, Horace, m. Betsey Davis—ch., (1) Cyrus B., (2) Arabell T., (3) Charles H. ; 4, Cyrus ; 5, Peggy J., m. Newell J. Nye (see Nye family). IV., Hugh, b. 1782, m. — Alexander, d. in Ohio. V., Thomas, b. 1791, m. Sally Maloon, d. in Plymouth—ch., 1, Lucy Ann, d. young ; 2, Hiram, m. Betsey D. Drake—ch., (1) Ellen A., m. Curtis S. Cummings, (2) Sarah I., (3) Clara T. ; 3, Sally, d. young ; 4, Sally, m., Simeon C. Senter, d. in Thetford, Vt.—ch., (1) Jenette G., (2) Henrietta L. ; 5, Irena M., m. Joseph C. Fifield of Plymouth—ch., (1) Josephine, (2) Isabell, (3) Tilton F., (4) Emeline. V., Thomas, m. second Margaret Currier (see Currier family) 1829—ch., 6, Thomas M., d. young ; 7, Thomas F., residence Indianapolis ; 8, George, residence Indianapolis ; 9, John C. ; 10, Robert ; 11, Martha M. ; 12, Helen ; 13, Clara W., d. young.

WILLIAM CLARK m. Esther Rogers—ch., I., Thomas, m. Lydia Woodbury (see Woodbury family), rem. to Middlesex, Vt.—ch., 1, Jonathan, d. young ; 2, Florinda, m. Roswell Walker (see Walker family) ; 3, Willard, d. unm. ; 4, Thomas T., m. Laura Hayward (see Hayward family)—ch., (1) Josephine H. ; 5, Hiram, m. Mary Lane—ch., (1) Annette, (2) Mary A. ; 6, William H., m. Abigail Daniels—ch., (1) Laura, m. Willard Walker ; 7, Bradley M., m. Orpha Chapin—ch., (1) Fred, (2) Frank ; 7, Bradley M., m. second Susan Lane—ch., (3) Carrie O. ; 8, John, m. Helen M. Collier—ch., (1) Mary, d. young, (2) Hiram, (3) Alma, (4) Solon K., d. young. II., Ann, m. Enoch Johnson of Unity—ch., 1, Mary A., d. young ; 2, Clark, d. young ; 3, Elsie, d. young ; 4, Daniel, d. young ; 5, Harvey. III., John, m. Mercy Himes, residence Middlesex—ch., 1, William H. ; 2, Samuel S. ; 3, John R. ; 4, Ambrose H. ; 5, Silas S. ; 6, Cyrus T. ; 7, Ezra Y. ; 8, George L. ; 9, Martha A. IV., Patty, m. Crawford Tyler. V., Samuel, m. Achsa Smith (see Samuel Smith family)—ch., 1, Jerusha, m. Francis Cram, residence Charlestown ; 2, Samuel, m. Sarah Carroll—ch., (1) Almira C., m. George Lamb, (2) Hiram O., (3) Henry D., (4) Eunice R., (5) Lyman A., d. young, (6) Daniel G. ; 3, Cinthia, m. Alvin Frost, residence Charlestown ; 4, Daniel, m. Pamela Cram (see Cram family)—

ch., (1) Harriet A., d. young, (2) Oriette A., (3) Alma A., (4) Fred W., (5) Omer J., (6) Clinton F., (7) Leilia J.; 5, Harvey, m. Rosaltha Fisk—ch., (1) Hannah J., (2) Helen F., (3) Aaron F.; 5, Harvey, m. second Alzina Hoag.

JOHN CLARK, of Newbury, s. in Acworth in 1858, m. Mary J. Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., I, Henry A. II., Guy Herbert, d. young.

RICHARD CLIFFORD s. in Acworth previous to 1803, m. Hannah Richardson—ch., I, Benjamin. II., Edward. III., Richard, m. Elizabeth Davis (see Thomas [Briton] Davis family)—ch., 1, Thomas; 2, John; 3, Benjamin; 4, William; 5, Elizabeth; 6, Hannah; 7, Polly; 8, Nathan; 9, Richard; 10, Rebecca.

EZEKIEL CLISBY s. in Acworth about 1798—ch., I, Joseph, m. ———, —ch., 1, Lewis; 2, John; 3, Lydia; 4, Eliza; 5, Lyman. II., Solomon.

JEROME C. CLOUGH of Unity, s. in Acworth 1866, m. Luey A. Wood (see Alban Wood family)—ch., I, Nellie L.

HENRY COFFIN came from Jaffrey previous to 1785, m. second Mehitabel Smith, was a miller in South Acworth, and was drowned by a freshet which carried off his mill—ch., I, Daniel, m. Polly Currier (see Currier family); from him "Coffin Hill" takes its name; rem. to Johnson, Vt.—ch., 1, Alvira, m. Joseph Bruce; 2, Lucy; 3, Ariel, residence Boston; 4, Martha, d. young; 5, Henry, d. young. William Markham was guardian for Moses, David, and Lucy Coffin, ch. of Henry Coffin, in 1785.

REV. PHINEAS COOKE (see Rev. Mr. Foster's response) m. Sophia Grout—ch., I, Sophia, m. — Bell, residence Amherst, Mass. II., George, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1832; studied divinity at Andover Theological Seminary; ordained pastor of a Congregational Church at Amherst, Mass., January 16, 1839, dismissed 1852; became President of the University of Tennessee; resigned, and now resides in Boston; m. Mary Gay of Nashua. III., Henry Grout, graduated at Dartmouth College, 1841. He read law and practiced in New York City some time; then went south as an instructor; m. Helen M., daughter of Rev. John Smith. IV., Phineas, graduated at Dartmouth College, 1843; read law in New York City eighteen months; then went South as a teacher, and d. in Mississippi. V., Rebecca, m. and resides in the South.

DEXTER COPELAND, native of Stoddard, s. in Acworth 1837, m. Hannah W. Hemphill (see Hemphill family.)

WINSLOW, HEZEKIAH, and HANNAH COPELAND were of the fifth gen. in America. Deacon Joseph was the fourth; third, Jonathan, d. aged 90; second, William, m. the great-granddaughter of John Alden the Pilgrim; first, Lawrence Copeland of Braintree, who d. 1699, aged 110; the earliest ancestor known, came from England. WINSLOW, m. Hannah Slader, (see Slader family) and s. in Acworth, 1804—ch., I, Lucinda, m. Samuel Finlay (see Finlay family). II., Elmira, m. Elijah Cram (see Cram family). III., Huldah, m. Solon Neal (see Neal family). IV., Joseph, m. Hannah

Finlay—ch., 1, Lucian H., m. Viola Fuller ; 2, Melissa J., m. Wilbra Reed ; 3, Elmeda P. ; 4, Edna L. ; 5, Harriet E. V., Hezekiah, m. Olive Nichols—ch., 1, Fannie F., d. young ; 2, Winslow I. ; 3, Frank E. ; 4, Arthur J. ; 5, Elmer H. ; V., Hezekiah, m. second Ann T. Chase. VI., Hannah. HEZEKIAH m. Lucy Moore (see Moore family)—ch., I., Roland Flagg, m. Elizabeth Osborne—ch., 1, Elmer P. ; 2, Mary Elizabeth ; 3 Elliot E. ; 4, Willie W. ; 5, Jennie L. ; 6, Lucy Moore. II., Willard M., m. Sarah Leach—ch., 1, Sarah P. ; 2, Frederic S. III., Louisa E. IV., Lucy Moore, m. Elbridge G. Butters—ch., 1, George Copeland ; 2, Maria L. ; 3, Hattie A. V., Harriet. VI., Sydney, m. E. Jane Keen—ch., 1, Walter E. ; 2, C. Sumner ; 3, Dora J. VII., Angeline. VIII., Cornelia, d. young. IX., Pamela G., m. Samuel H. Harris. X., Cornelia. XI., Mary Ann, m. William H. Pethybridge—ch., 1, Ella Copeland.

WARREN CORNING, native of Salem, s. in Acworth previous to 1796 ; rem. to Ashtabula County, Ohio ; m. Elizabeth Pettingill—ch., I., Warren. II., Nathaniel. III., Mindwell. IV., Royal. V., Nathan. VI., Lima. The above were b. in Acworth. Rachel was m. to George M. Dickey, and Harriet M., m. James Dickey (see Dickey family). HANNAH CORNING, sister of Warren, m. Zachariah Woodbury (see Woodbury family).

HILLIARD, EZRA, and JESSE CRAM, natives of Weare, s. in Acworth 1799. They were brothers. HILLIARD m. Sarah Gove (see Gove family) 1799—ch., I., Elijah, m. Almira Copeland (see Copeland family), rem. to Bridgeport, Ct.—ch., 1, Gulia H. ; 2, Oscar J., m. Emma J. Hartshorn, residence Bridgeport, Ct.—ch., (1) Eda A., (2) Hattie B. ; 3, Etta A. ; 4, Helen L. ; 5, Solon H. ; 6, Samuel F., residence Providence ; 7, Eugene L. ; 8, Carrie E. II., J. Shepard, m. Clarinda Gregg (see Gregg family), residence Hanover, d. 1845—ch., 1, Daniel H., m. Clemantina Jones, residence Alabama ; 2, Charles H., m. Harriet Blaisdell 1856, graduated at Dartmouth College 1854, residence Chicago—ch., (1) Clara, (2) Nathan D., (3) Charles H., (4) Harriet B., (5) Bessie ; 3, George H., m. Harriet Britton 1859, mortally wounded at the battle of Fort Donelson—ch., (1) George H. ; 4, Clara S., d. unm. 1854 ; 5, Sarah G. ; 6, Harriet E. ; 7, John S. III., Willard, m. first Harriet Straw—ch., 1, Pamela J., b. 1828, m. Daniel Clark (see Clark family) ; 2, John S., d. young ; 3, Sally A. G., m. Jabez Alexander (see Alexander family) ; 4, John S., d. in 1865 ; 5, Harriet A., m. George Porter, d. 1858 ; 6, Omar P., residence Manchester, Va. ; 7, Mariette E., b. 1837. III., Willard, m. second Charlotte R. Houghton—ch., 8, Alice J., b. 1848, m. J. Hodgman ; 9, Charles T., d. young. IV., Sabra, m. Hugh Finlay (see Finlay family). V., Julia, m. Roswell George (see George family). VI., Joseph P., b. 1812, m. Polly G. Blanchard (see Blanchard family)—ch., 1, Nettie B., b. 1845, d. 1865 ; 2, Henry L. ; 3, Hiram H. VII., Samuel G., d. young. VIII., Marietta, m. Daniel J. Warner (see Warner family). IX., Samuel G., d. young. EZRA, m. Dilly Balch, 1799, d. in Unity, 1856—ch., I., Hiram, d. young. II.,

Thomas J., b. 1804, entered Military Academy at West Point, 1822 ; taught Mathematics in this institution for several years after graduation, after which he resigned his commission, and spent some time as a civil engineer in the West. He then accepted a captain's commission in the U. S. Corps of Topographical Engineers ; was on Gen. Taylor's staff at the breaking out of the Mexican War, but failure of health obliged him to return North ; was on the Coast Survey several years. During the late war he served on Gen. Wool's staff at Fortress Monroe, afterwards stationed at Detroit, where he is now engaged on an important public improvement, the clearing of the St. Clair Flats for navigation ; ranks as Major General ; m. Mary Boggs, 1853—ch., 1, Ida B. III., Polly, b. 1806, m. Harvey Bingham—ch., 1, Mary M., m. Gardiner F. Glidden—ch., (1) Harvey B. ; 2, Helen M., m. first George P. Spenser—ch., (1) Arthur E. ; m. second William C. Hobart. IV., Eliphalet, residence, Racine, Wis., elected to the State Legislature in 1855 ; member of the City Council in Racine in 1863 ; d. in Detroit, 1868, a valued member of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; m. Elizabeth A. Jones, 1846—ch., 1, Mary E. ; 2, Royce J. ; 3, Arthur B. JESSE, m. Lydia Bailey, 1798—ch., I., Harvey. II., Orange. III., Moses. IV., Lydia. V., Cynthia. VI., Hannah. VII., Ruel. VIII., Stephen J. IX., Mary J. X., Samantha.

JULIUS CROSSETT, of Duxbury, Vt., s. in Acworth, m. Parthena A. Gleason (see Silas Gleason family)—ch., I., Nellie I. II., Eugene M. JULIA CROSSETT, sister of JULIUS, m. Frank J. Paige (see Paige family).

REV. DAVID CUMMINGS, of Sullivan, rem. to Acworth in 1814, m. Azubah Richardson—ch., I., Roxanna, m. Joseph Chatterton (see Chatterton family). II., Alvah, m. Polly Grout (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Alvah R., commenced to study medicine with Dr. William Grout, 1849, but was interrupted by a long and severe illness ; continued his studies with Dr. J. N. Butler of Lempster, meanwhile attending lectures at Dartmouth Medical School ; received his degree in 1852 ; practised one year in Topsham, Vt., and two years at Washington ; attended lectures at New York Medical College, 1855 ; s. in Claremont 1856, m. Mary C. Davis (see Thomas Davis family)—ch., (1) Matt A., (2) Charles O. ; 2, Ebenezer G., was the first graduate of a Dental College from New Hampshire, receiving the degree of D. D. S. from the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, 1855 ; he is very successfully practising his profession in Concord ; he m. Jane Woodbury—ch., (1) Fred, (2) Irving ; 3, Oscar, b. 1831, m. Abby Noyes—ch., (1) Carrie ; 4, George A., m. Elizabeth Smith, residence Concord—ch., (1) Frank, (2) Ida ; 5, Mary Jane, m. Almon Young, residence Concord—ch., (1) Nellie ; 6, Sarah A., m. George W. Young (see Young family) ; 7, Laura, d. young ; 8, Laura L., m. John Sanborn ; 9, D. Milton. III., Orra, m. Benjamin Grout (see Grout family). IV., Angela, m. Kimball Smith (see Smith family). V., Ruth, m. Harley Bailey (see Bailey family). VI., Ephraim, m. first Sophia Bailey (see Bailey family)—ch., 1, Charles B., m.



Mary G. Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., (1) Ellen, d. young, (2) George R. ; m. second Mrs. Louisa (Haywood) George (see Haywood family). VII., Sophia, m. Silsby Smith (see William Smith family). VIII., Don Alonzo, m. Mary A. Noyes, residence Matamora, Ill. IX., Fannie, d. unm.

DOCTOR ARIAL CUMMINGS (see Currier family), practiced medicine in Aeworth from 1845 to 1848, m. Mary C. Grant—ch., I., Mary Helen, who was murdered in Roxbury, Mass., by an insane man, in her mother's presence, aged four years and a half. Dr. Cummings rem. to Roxbury ; died in Hempstead, Texas, in 1866, Surgeon of the Forty-Second Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers.

PAUL CUMMINGS rem. to Aeworth from Charlestown, 1868, m. first ————, —ch., I., Mary. II., Austin. III., George. IV., Emma ; m. second Harriet L. Morse (see Lorin Morse family).

MRS. MARTHA LADD CURRIER, widow of David Currier, came to Aeworth from Windham—ch., I., Lydia, m. Samuel Carleton of Claremont—ch., 1, David, m. Nancy Irish, residence Canada—ch., (1) Samuel, (2) Lydia, (3) Elenora, (4) Renben, (5) Charles ; 2, James, m. Lucy Lewis, residence Canada ; 3, Delia C. ; 4, Samuel, m. Theoda Lovell—ch., (1) John, (2) Caroline, (3) Helen, (4) George ; 5, Rufus, m. Irene Bachelor—ch., (1) Susanna B., (2) Charles A., (3) George R., (4) Martha I., d. young, (5) Clark H., d. young, (6) Martha E., d. young ; 6, Sally, m. Reuben Petty. II., John, s. in Aeworth 1790, and his mother soon followed him, m. Susan Orcutt (see Orcutt family)—ch., 1, David, m. Mahala Reed (see Reed family), rem. to Unity—ch., (1) David O., m. Julia A. Eddy—ch., [1] Bart O., [2] Jesse A. ; (2) Clarinda, d. young, (3) E. Susan, m. Eliphalet Eddy, (4) Clarinda, m. Joseph Way, (5) Daniel H., m. Sarah A. Crandell—ch., [1] Charles, d. young, [2] George, d. young, [3] Charles, [4] George, [5] Ida Belle, [6] Elsie J. ; (6) Milton P., m. Jane McQuestion—ch., [1] Hattie, [2] Frederic, [3] Eddie, [4] Charles, [5] Dixie ; (7) Hiram, m. Pamela Straw—ch., [1] Edgar ; (8) Sylvanus, d. young ; 2, Daniel, m. Sarah Cutts, rem. to Unity—ch., (1) Viola L., m. John L. French, residence Hopkinton, (2) Almira P., (3) John E., (4) George D. ; 3, Malison, m. Ariel Cummings, residence Ashburnham, Mass.—ch., (1) Ariel I. (see Cummings family), (2) John L., (3) Lurinda, (4) Viola M., d. young ; 4, Susan, m. Jerry Smith (see David Smith family) ; 5, Emily, m. Jeremiah Adams (see Adams family) ; 6, Louisa, m. Benjamin Gilman of Unity—ch., (1) Stephen, m. Mrs. Dianthe Harding—ch., [1] Stephen ; (2) Joseph M., m. Ellen Sanborn, (3) Jemima P., m. Martin Cutts, (4) Frank F. ; 7, Fanny, m. T. B. Adams of Nashua (see Adams family). III., Rachel, m. Ichabod Orcutt (see Orcutt family). IV., Hannah, m. John S. Orcutt (see Orcutt family). V., Delia, m. Levi Turner (see Turner family). VI., Timothy, m. first Jane Mitchell (see Mitchell family)—ch., 1., Lucinda, d. young ; 2, Lavina, m. Moses Burpee of New London ; 3, John, m. Amy Ripley, residence St. Johnsbury, Vt. ; 4, Roxanna, m. James Gale, Andover ; 5,

Oliver, m. Julia A. Frazier, residence Danbury ; 6, Margaret, m. Thomas Clark (see Thomas Clark family). VII., Sally, m. Daniel Coffin (see Coffin family). VIII., David, m. Dorcas Newhall—ch., 1, Caleb, m. Emily G. Warren ; 2, Rachel, m. Harvey Galusha. IX., Polly, m. Prentiss Adkins, residence Vermont. X., Eliphalet, m. Molly Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., 1, Anna Blood ; 2, Eliza ; 3, William ; 4, Amos Bailey ; 5, James ; 6, Adeline ; 7, Emeline ; 8, Eliphalet.

WILLIAM DANA, son of Elijah Dana of Goffstown, m. Almira Farmer, s. in Acworth 1866—ch., I., George H., d. young. II., Alice J.

ROBERT, ELIZABETH, JOHN, JAMES, and NATHANIEL DAVIDSON, s. in Acworth, were all descendants of William Davidson who emigrated from Menemore, in the north of Ireland, in 1728, s. in Woburn, Mass., m. first Mary Alexander—ch., ROBERT, Nathaniel, William, *John*, George, Elizabeth, Jane ; m. second Margaret McCartney—ch., Alexander, Francis, Mary, Peggy. *John*, second gen., b. 1720, m. Sarah Nutt—ch. Sarah, Anna, *John*, *James*, b. in Tewksbury, Mass. ; Mary, William, Jesse, William, ELIZABETH, b. in Windham. *John*, third gen., b. 1750, s. in Windham, m. Mary Lancaster (see Lancaster family)—ch. JOHN, Dorothy, Sarah, JAMES, Henry, Mary, Anna, William. *James*, third gen., b. in 1752, m. Hannah Hemphill (see Hemphill family), s. in Windham—ch. NATHANIEL, Margaret, Sarah, Anna, James N., Mary. James N., John H. ROBERT DAVIDSON, second gen., native Woburn, Mass, m. Mary Walker, s. in Acworth about 1772—ch. I., Robert, d. unm. II., James, m. Ann Durant, d. 1800—ch., 1, James, m. ——— residence Springfield, Vt. ; 2, William ; 3, Ira, m. Theda Parker, residence, Chester, Vt.—ch., (1) Parker, d. unm., (2) Armina, (3) Ann, (4) Ira, m. Mary A. Prouty, residence New York City, (5) Theda. III., Margaret, d. unm. IV., John, m. first Judith Kemp, m. second Patty Kemp (see Kemp family), d. 1800—ch., 1, Irene, m. Augustus Bradford (see Bradford family). ELIZABETH DAVIDSON, third gen., m. Ebenezer Lancaster (see Lancaster family). JOHN DAVIDSON, fourth gen., b. in Windham 1775, m. Abigail Prouty, sister of Mrs. John Duncan, s. in Acworth, 1800. He had quite an inventive genius. Most of his inventions had reference to the making and finishing of full cloth. Though these have been superseded by more recent improvements, yet most of these improvements sprung from his original inventions—ch. I., Caroline, d. II., Orin, d. III., Elvira, m. Frederic Parks, s. in Springfield, Vt.—ch., 1, Orin H., d. ; 2, Martha A., d. ; 3, Milton L. ; 4, Frederic A., d. ; 6, J. Milton. IV., Caroline, d. V., Mary A., d. VI., Solon, d. VII., Mary L., m. Amasa Woolson, residence Springfield—ch., 1, Helen A., d. unm. JAMES DAVIDSON, fourth gen., b. in Windham, s. in Acworth 1806, m. Jane Davidson, who d. 1868, aged 84. He rem. to New Hudson, N. Y., in 1821, moving with his own teams all the way, four hundred miles. The last ten miles he was obliged to cut his own road through the woods, swimming his team across a stream, and carrying over his goods on an extemporized bridge. Here, in the

wilderness, he made himself a home among savages, waiting for civilization to overtake him—ch., I., Sumner, m. Sarah Ayres—ch., 1, Eva. II., Mary J., m. Philo B. Littlejohn—ch. 1, James R. III., Joshua L., m. Phebe A. Woodford—ch., 1, Herman; 2, Edson; 3, Augustus; 4, Charlie; 5, Adela, m. Wm. Mandeville. IV., Stephen L., m. first Sarah Lancaster (see Lancaster family)—ch. 1, Mary Jane, b. 1840; 2, Sarah Ann, m. Levi Rogers; 3, Francis, d. young; m. second Susan R. Hampton—ch., 4, Josephus, d. young; 5, James O.; 6, Alice; 7, Charles L.; 8, Lottie, d. young; 9, Jennie B. V., Rebecca, m. Nathaniel D. Bell—ch., 1, James H.; 2, Alfred; 3, Frank, m. Betsey Stone; 4, Flora; 5, Charles; 6, Eddie; 7, George; two last twins. VI., Clarissa, m. William Mandeville—ch., 1, Jennie. VII., James, m. Melissa ————ch. 1, Jennie, d. young. VIII., John, d. unm. NATHANIEL DAVIDSON, fourth gen., b. in Windham 1779, s. in Acworth 1800, m. Margaret Witherspoon—ch., I. Samuel, b. 1805, m. Lydia Jackman, residence Colebrook—ch., 1, Royal N., born 1829, residence California; 2, James, m. Marion J. McClary, residence Thetford, Vt.—ch., (1) Herbert R., (2) Jessie A., (3) Martha E., (4) James K.; 3, Emilene M., m. Mark T. Aldrich, residence Colebrook—ch., (1) Lillian B., (2) Edna A., (3) Walter S., (4) Royal W.; 4, Harlan P., m. Addie T. Ford, residence Penn.—ch., (1) Alice; 5, Laurette B., m. Humphrey G. Jordan, residence Colebrook—ch., (1) Melville C., (2) Mertis C.; 6, Austin J., b. 1847, residence California. II., Alvan, b. 1807, m. Anna Howe—ch., 1, Milon, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1862, m. Gratia L. Andrews; is now a teacher in the Newhampton Institute, Fairfax, Vt.—ch., (1) Mary Lulu; 2, Betsey A., d. unm. 1869; 3, Eri, d. unm. III., Eri, b. 1809, m. Harriet P. Shepard, residence Georgia. Vt.—ch., 1, Hattie A., m. first L. S. Haskins of Franklin, Vt.—ch., (1) Elizabeth; m. second E. D. Briggs—ch., (2) Paulina I. IV., Hannah, m. Henry Woodbury (see Woodbury family). V., Sallie L., m. first Samuel H. Woodbury; m. second Henry Woodbury (see Woodbury family).

JOHN P. DAVIS, s. in Acworth, afterwards rem. to Westminster, Vt., m. Caroline Wallace (see Adam Wallace family)—ch., I., Maria, m. Jacob Woodbury (see Woodbury family). II., Margaret. III., Martha. IV., Mindwell. V., Charles. VI., Harvey.

DANIEL DAVIS rem. from Claremont to Acworth 1868, m. Betsey Davis—ch., I., Luther F., m. Mary A. Morrison—ch., 1, Mary S.; 2, Henry M. II., Jonathan, m. Sarah Siddell, rem. to Perkinsville, Vt.—ch., 1, Lucy M.; 2, Ida A.; 3, Sarah J.

OLIVER DAVIS was of the third gen. in this country. His grandfather, Ephraim, emigrated from England about 1730. He served in the French and Indian wars. When peace was declared the body of troops with which he was connected was discharged, far away from white settlements, without food, money, or suitable clothing. Many perished on their journey home. Ephraim Davis successfully made his way home, though nearly famished,

subsisting for many days upon bark, nuts, and berries. One day he made his dinner upon a perch, caught with a pin for a hook, and though eaten undressed, he always declared it was the sweetest morsel he ever tasted. His son Jonathan was also a soldier, being present at the battle of Bunker Hill. OLIVER, son of Jonathan, b. in Leominster, Mass., 1767, d. 1851; m. first Sally Pollard, m. second Relief Heath, rem. to Acworth, 1822—ch., I., Sally, b. 1791, m. Joshua Greenwood of Dublin—ch., 1, Sarah; 2, Charles; 3, Henry; 4, Curtis; 5, Henry; 6, d. young; 7, Monroe. II., Lydia, m. first Jona. Sleeper, m. second Edward Savage (see Savage family); III., Lucy, m. Benjamin Winship, residence Hancock—ch., 1, George; 2, John; 3, Elizabeth; 4, Ann; 5, Abel; 6, Oliver; 7, Lydia; 8, Mark; 9, Relief; 10, Sarah; 11, Horace. IV., Betsey, m. Ruel Richardson of Peterboro—ch., 1, Lydia; 2, Charles; 3, Betsey; 4, Eliza; 5, Nancy; 6, Emeline; 7, Joshua. V., John, m. Catherine E. Houghton—ch., 1, Charles J., m. Ellen M. Hubbard (see Hubbard family); 2, Nancy, m. Hosea Proctor of Stoddard; 3, Henry, d. young; 4, Josephine B., d. young. VI., Lucinda B., d. young. VII., Lucinda B., m. Benj. Fletcher, residence Nashua—ch., 1, Mary Etta; 2, Lydia; 3, Hattie; 4, Benjamin; 5, Lucius; 6, Coolidge; 7, Joseph; 8, Elbridge. VIII., Levi, m. Mrs. Susan Parsons—ch., 1, Sarah F.; 2, Josephine, d. young. IX., Thomas J., m. first Calista Newton (see Newton family)—ch., 1, J. Newton, m. Artemissa E. Newton (see Newton family); 2, L. Hubbard; 3, C. Marinda; m. second Mrs. Polly Washburne. X., Oliver, residence Lempster, m. Elizabeth Moore—ch., 1, Henry J., d. young; 2, George E.; 3, Jefferson T.; 4, Charles B.; 5, Lucy; 6, William M.; 7, Benjamin F.; 8, Lizzie. XI., Nancy, residence New York, m. first John Adams; m. second Eldad Butler—ch., 1, Roanie C.; 2, Imogene; 3, Josephine. XII., Joseph, b. 1813, residence Hancock, m. Mrs. Eliza Wallace—ch., 1, Charles J.; 2, Emma. XIII., Emeline, m. Henry Goold (see Goold family). XIV., Samuel, residence Unity, m. first Cassandra Marshall; m. second Rowena Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., 1, Ellen M.; 2, Sabrina; 3, Martin; 4, Emma.

J. MADISON DAVIS came from Nelson to Acworth in 1850, m. Juliette A. Lincoln (see Lincoln family)—ch., I., Minnie. II., Carrie Bell.

ELDER THOMAS DAVIS rem. to Acworth in 1796, native of Amesbury, Mass. In 1800 he became interested in the Society of Friends; joined this society in Weare, in 1803, about forty miles from his home. He was for many years a constant attendant upon their monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings. Nothing would prevent his attendance upon these meetings when able to ride. During this time, ministering Friends appointed meetings at his house. Neighbors attending these became convinced of the truth as held by that Society, and regular meetings were held at his house for several years. In 1820, a meeting house was built in Unity, and the meetings were afterwards held there. He was an efficient elder in his Society, a lover of retirement, an exemplary and useful man. Old people remember his coming





*James C. Dickey.*

into chnreh one Thanksgiving Day, at the close of Mr. Cooke's prayer, and standing, hat in hand, exhorting his neighbors to cast their idols to the moles and bats, and worship God in spirit and truth. On the 18th of August, 1834, (aged 82,) he died a peaceful death, having spoken in meeting but a few days before in a solemn and weighty manner. He m. first Lydia Greenleaf—ch., I., Thomas, m. Dolly Dowe of Weare—ch., 1, Mills; 2, John; 2, David; 4, Thomas; 5, Mary; 6, Sarah; 7, Eliza; two d. young, II., Sarah, m. Elijah Brown of Pittsfield—ch., 1, Samuel; 2, Lovell; 3, David; 4, Lydia; 5, Hannah; 6, Sarah; he m. second Lois Hadley of Weare—ch., III., Lydia. IV., Hannah, m. John Woodbury (see Henry Woodbury family). V., Benaiah, m. Rachel Peaslee of Sutton—ch., 1, Thomas; 2, Lydia; 3, William. VI., John, m. first Nancy Campbell, (see Daniel Campbell family)—ch., 1, Lois; 2, Osro; 3, Oscar; m. second Eliza Bruce of Unity—ch., five. VII., Cotton W., m. Rhody S. Orcutt (see Orcutt family)—ch., 1., Sylvester, d.; 2, George W., m. first Emeline G. Millikin of Littleton—ch., (1) Henrietta G., (2) Gilbert H.; he m. second Mary Stevens of Lyman—ch., one; 3, Mary C., m. Dr. Alvah R. Cummings (see Cummings family); 4, Hiram, d.; 5, Alvah, d.; 6, Sarah F., m. Charles M. Lufkin (see Lufkin family); 7, Lucena; 8, Gilbert; 9, Henry; 10, Frank E.; 11, Sumner, d.

(Briton) THOMAS DAVIS, a British soldier, captured at the surrender of Burgoyne, s. in Acworth, m. Mrs. — Patch—ch., I., Betsey, m. Richard Clifford (see Clifford family). I., Polly, m. Samuel W. Blodgett.

SALMON T. J. DAVIS, m. Rosa B. Biter.

*John and Margaret Dickey* came with their two sons, Adam and Matthew, from Londonderry, Ireland, to Londonderry, N. H., 1729. *Adam*, second gen., b. 1722, m. Jane Strahan, and had the following—ch., MARGARET, m. Col. John Duncan (see Duncan family); JOHN, JAMES, ADAM, and BENJAMIN, s. in Acworth; Sally m. Robert Dinsmore of Francestown; Elenor m. Dea. Jonathan Nesmith of Antrim; another daughter m. James Dinsmore of Antrim; Isabel m. Thomas McClure (see McClure family); Matthew s. in Walpole; JOSEPH s. in Acworth; afterwards rem. to Ryegate, Vt.; Thomas and Jane d. unm. JAMES was of large stature, as well as large heart. To distinguish him from his cousin of the same name, he was called "big Jim." The prominent traits of his character were strict integrity, frankness, great plainness of speech, hospitality, benevolence, and a deep interest in matters pertaining to the public weal. On account of his singleness of purpose, honesty, and sound judgment, although he never held civil office, he was a welcome counselor in all objects of public moment, and his character was forcibly expressed by a cotemporary in a neighboring town, when he made the remark, "Capt. Dickey is a rough diamond." He m. Mary Pinkerton, sister of Mrs. Joseph Wilson, of Londonderry, and came to Acworth in 1790—ch., I., Adam, residence Langdon. II., Matthew, d. 1803. III., Jane, m. Jonathan Rogers (see Rogers family), d. 1820. IV.,

Anna, d. 1819. V., Polly, m. Ebenezer Place—ch. 1, James; 2, Thomas. VI., Thomas, m. Jane Adams—ch., 1, Mary J.; 2, Joseph A.; 3, Margaret A., m. Henry Lebourveau, residence Mass.; 4, George P., m. Imogene Loomis. VII., Joseph, m. Sally Grout (see Grout family), rem. to Langdon 1856, d. 1866—ch., 1, John F., m. Sophia B. King (see King family), residence Alstead; 2, James A., m. Nancy E. King (see King family)—ch., (1) Lenna J.; 3, Mary E., m. Gustavus A. Hale, residence Langdon—ch., (1) Willie E.; 4, Amelia A.; 5, Harvey D., m. Frances E. Currier, residence Alstead; 6, Frances E., m. Oscar S. Holden, residence Langdon—ch., (1) Leola A., (2) Mary L., (3) Harvey D.; 7, Sarah J., m. Solon S. King (see King family). VIII., Margaret, m. Alexander Grout (see Grout family), residence Claremont. ADAM DICKEY, (brother of JAMES, Sr.) m. Sally Marsh of Londonderry—ch., I., Mary A., d. young. II., John, d. young. III., Othniel, d. young. IV., Sally, d. young. BENJAMIN, (brother of JAMES, Sr., s. in Acworth, 1796, m. Isabel Marsh—ch., I., Tirzah, d. young. II., Emeline, m. John Dickey of Lyman, residence Walworth, N. Y.—ch., 1, Putnam; 2, Phinehas; 3, Mary J.; 4, Erasmus; 5, Ellen. III., Isabel, m. Daniel Chase of Salem, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary; 2, Sarah. IV., Marsh, m. Susan Smith of Somerset, N. Y., residence Albion, Mich.—ch., 1, Sylvester B.; 2, George; 3, Albert; 4, Anderson. V., Othniel, d. young. VI., Anderson, m. first Margaret Divine, residence Buffalo, N. Y.—ch., 1, Mary; 2, Louisa; 3, Charles; m. second Maria Findley. VII., Sally, d. young. VIII., Sophia F., d. young. IX., Mary A., m. Albert Harrington—ch. 1, Albert. X., Thomas, d. unm. MATHEW, (brother of JAMES, Sr.) m. Elizabeth March, s. in Walpole about 1797—ch., I., Sophia, m. Calvin Fay—ch., 1, Lucy, m. Rev. Mr. Waldo, residence Quincy, Ill.—ch., (1) Charles, (2) Edmund; 2, Calvin, m. Caroline Bradley, residence Atlanta, Ga.—ch., (1) Carrie, (2) Delia, (3) a son; I., Sophia, m. second Henry Goodnow, residence Keene—ch., 3, Henry; 4, George, residence Chicago, m. ——— ch., (1) Nellie, (2) Carrie, (3) ———; 5, Horace. II., Sarah, d. young. III., Betsey, m. J. B. Burnham of Walpole—ch., 1, Nancy, m. Rev. D. A. Russell; 2, Antoinette, m. Edward Willington, residence E. Saginaw, Mich.; 3, Laforest, d. unm. IV., John, d. unm. V., George M., m. Rachel Corning (see Corning family), residence Mentor, O.—ch., 1, Warren C.; 2, Viola H.; 3, George S.; 4, Matthew. VI., Cyrus, d. unm. VII., Clement, residence Walpole, m. Betsey P. Russell—ch., 1, Josephine H.; 2, Albert C. VIII., James, m. Harriet M. Corning (see Corning family.) residence Mentor, O.—ch., 1, Helen S., m. Wm. E. Pardee, residence Nebraska City—ch., (1) Hattie, (2) Lucy, (3) Blanche, (4) James; 2, Wallace C., residence Cleveland, O.; 3, Edward P., residence Mentor, O. IX., Barnet, d. young. X., Josiah, d. young. XI., Lewis, resides on the old homestead in Walpole. JOSEPH, (brother of JAMES, Sr.) rem. to Ryegate, Vt., m. first Anna Barlor—ch., I., Anna. II., John, m. Emeline Dickey, residence Walworth, N. Y.—ch., 1, John P.; 2, Phineas





*Theron Dickey*

5  
W

M.; 3, Mary J.; 4, Erasmus B.; 5, Nellie M. III., Sydney, d. young. IV., Emeline, d. young. V., Solon, d. young. VI., Emeline, d. young. VII., Benjamin, m. Elsie Rays, residence Buffalo; VIII., Joseph, d. unm. IX., James, m. first Charlotte A. Nelson; m. second Caroline Park; JOSEPH, m. second Hannah Nelson; m. third Betsey Grout (see Grout family)—ch., X., Joseph S. JAMES DICKEY, second, was the grandson of John and Margaret Dickey, mentioned above, and son of Matthew Dickey, who m. Janet, daughter of John Wallace and Annis Barnet, who were the first couple married in Londonderry, N. H. Matthew was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; his ch. were as follows: John, m. Rhoda Varnum, residence Griggsville, N. Y.—ch., John P., residence Geneseo, N. Y.; James V., residence Chicago; Phineas W., residence Brooklyn, Cal.; Hannah W., m. Hon. G. W. Patterson of Westfield, N. Y.; Jane D., m. — Childs, residence Griggsville; William G., residence Griggsville; Gilman, residence Hazel Green, Iowa; Sarah C., m. — Bryce, residence New York; Charles, residence Marshall, Mich; Albert P., residence Racine, Wis. Ebenezer, second son of Matthew, d. unm.; third, JAMES; fourth, Samuel W., m. Sophia Stark, daughter of Gen. John Stark, of revolutionary memory—ch., Volkert, Samuel W., John M.; Elizabeth S., Mary, Sarah, Caroline, and Benjamin F. The sons are all dead. Caroline m. Mr. Campbell of North Reading, Mass., with whom her mother is now living. JAMES came to Acworth in 1790, m. Anna Gilmore, daughter of Col. James Gilmore of Windham, in 1795, d. 1816. Although of small means, he had cleared and fenced (mostly with stone wall) more than one hundred acres, erected comfortable buildings, and reared a large family of children—all in twenty-one years—being one of many such instances, showing the industrious and persevering character of the early settlers of Acworth—ch., I., Theron, d. young. II., Jane, d. unm. III., James G., rem. to Franklin County, N. Y., m. first Julia Sprague of Constable, N. Y.—ch., 1, George F.; 2, Laura A.; 3, Harvey G.; m. second Adaline Sprague of New Haven, Vt. IV., Betsey, d. young. V., John Freeman, killed instantly by the fall of a tree in 1828, unm. VI., Theron, residence Clarke, Prov. of Ont., m. first Ann Taylor—ch., 1, Leona; 2, Ann J.; 3, John T., m. second Elizabeth Wallace—ch., 4, William W.; 5, Harvey. VII., Caroline, m. Norman Wilson (see Wilson family). VIII., Clarissa, m. Hansom Hawkins of Springfield, Vt., residence Van Buren County, Iowa—ch., 1, George C. IX., Jonathan Harvey, m. Caltha Gilmore (see Gilmore family)—ch., 1, Gavin G.; 2, James Freeman. X., Cyrus, d. in 1840, while a member of Senior Class in Dartmouth College.

JAMES DICKEY, third, of Francetown, afterwards of Grafton, Vt., s. in Acworth 1812, m. Jane Mitchell (see Mitchell family), of Francetown—ch., I., Asenath, m. Moores Keyes (see Keyes family). II., Thomas M., m. first Susannah H. Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., 1, Mary J., m. George Houston (see Houston family); 2, Philander J., studied at the law school connected with the University of New York; admitted to the bar of

the Supreme Court in New York City 1862, d. 1866, m. Angeline H. Woodbury; 3, John P., d. young; 4, Margaret Ann, d. young; 5, John L., a dentist in New York City, d. aged 23; had he lived, he would doubtless have been an ornament to his profession; 6, Thomas M., m. Margaret E. Perrine—ch., (1) John L., d. young, (2) George H.; 7, George G., d. unm.; 8, Erskine H., successfully practicing dentistry in Brooklyn, m. Matilda M. Kendall; 9, Ellen P., d. young; II., Thomas M., m. second Selinda K. Perham. III., James, m. Harriet Livingston—ch., 1, Harriet A.; 2, Levi Woodbury. IV., Levi W., d. unm. V., Mercy S., m. John Terry of Whitefield, Me.—ch., 1, Adolphus E., m. Elizabeth Prescott; 2, Ann R., m. E. T. Graves; 3, Woodbury D., d. young; 4, John H., m. Louise F. Mason; 5, Clarinda M.; 6, Daniel M.; 7, Frances A.; 8, Eliza A. VI., Mary E., m. John S. Symonds (see Symonds' family). VII., John, d. unm. VIII., Almond, m. Mary A. Higgins—ch., 1, Frances J.; 2, Ella A.; 3, Flora C. IX., Nancy J., m. John Adsett—ch., 1, Melissa. X., Stephen C., d. unm.

Samuel Dodge m. Hannah Andrews; had nine children, of whom SUKEY m. Joseph Albree of Acworth (see Albree family). ANNA m. Samuel Rogers of Acworth (see Rogers family). BETSEY m. Hugh Henry of Acworth (see Henry family). Lucy m. in Acworth Asa Gilmore, and had sixteen children, of whom Gov. J. A. Gilmore was one. SALLY m. Rogers Smith, and was the mother of Pres. A. D. Smith. ASA, the son of John, and grandson of Samuel, native of Amherst, came to Acworth in 1812, m. Susan E. Mann—ch., I., Asa M. II., Susan A., m. Rufus Carey (see Carey family). III., Amy A., was drowned. IV., David E. M., d. in the army at Hilton Head. V., George H.

THOMAS DODGE came to Acworth previous to 1795, m. Elizabeth Grout (see Grout family), rem. to Dorset, Vt.—ch., I., Don, d. young. II., Don. III., Laura, m. — Davis. IV., John. V., Horace. VI., Nancy, m. — Lake.

JOHN, ISAAC, and GEORGE DUNCAN, three brothers of the 3d gen. in this country were natives of Londonderry, sons of William and Naomi (Bell) Duncan. Their grandfather, George Duncan and the son of George Duncan, emigrated from Ireland. JOHN, b. 1752, chopped down the first tree on his farm in Acworth, 1773, but until his marriage in 1778, spent his winters in Londonderry. He responded to his country's call when the news reached Londonderry that the British were marching on Concord, and arrived at Lexington at sunrise the next morning after the first blood had been shed for America's freedom. He also, with several other Acworth men, joined Capt. Bellows' company going through the woods to New York State to assist in intercepting Gen. Burgoyne in his march through New York. In 1780 he was elected with Henry Silsby to attend the convention of the New Hampshire Grants at Charlestown and Cornish, receiving \$900 in currency for fourteen days' service, \$72 being equal to \$1 in silver. From that time for more than fifty years he was prominent in all town business. In matters

requiring tact and politic management, he was put forward. He was the most efficient in procuring the settlement of Mr. Cooke at a time when ministerial settlements by the town were becoming unpopular. The characteristic by which he was specially distinguished was *shrewdness* among neighbors in whom that quality abounded. Of his descendants, ten were in the war of the rebellion.

COL. JOHN DUNCAN m. first Margaret Dickey (see Dickey family) 1778—ch., I., William, b. 1778, m. Ruth C. Gilmore (see Gilmore family), rem. to Lyman, and afterwards to Michigan—ch., 1, Delamore, m. Pamela Clark of Ohio—ch., (1) Delamore, m. Mary Fields, and has three ch., (2) Edwin F., m. Ann E. Fellows, has three ch., (3) Charles C., (4) Helen M.; 2, Eliza A., m. Timothy Fellows, rem. to Wisconsin—ch., (1) Gilmore, served in the late war, (2) Theodore, Captain in the Wisconsin 8th or Eagle Regiment, (3) Emma, (4) Ann E., m. Edwin F. Duncan of Michigan, has three ch., (5) Mary, (6) Kate; 3, William, m. ——— ch., (1) Sadenia E., (2) William T., (3) Frances F. II., John, b. 1780, m. Betsey T. Putnam, rem. to Barnet—ch., 1, John P., d. unm.; 2, Caroline, m. Nahum Wilson of Langdon; 3, Jane, m. John Gilchrist, rem. to Bath—ch., (1) John, first impressed into service in the rebel army, deserted, raised a company of cavalry for the Union army, which he afterwards commanded, (2) George, m. Frank Clark, has two ch., (3) James F., (4) Horace, d.; 4, Chapman, rem. to Utah, m., and has ch.; 5, Homer, m. in New York, rem. to Utah; 6, Betsey, m. Alexander Gilchrist of Barnet—ch., (1) William H., served in the Union army, m. Julia Mathews, (2) Alexander P., served in the army, m. Ellen L. Nelson; 7, Christiana, d. unm.; 8, Emily, m. Ziba Fisher, rem. to Michigan—ch., (1) Francis, (2) Lewis; 9, Dinsmore, d. young; 10, Ellen C., m. Henry Smith. III., Adam, b. 1782, m. Dorothy Lancaster (see Lancaster family), rem. to Barnet, Vt.—ch., 1, John L., d. young; 2, Wm. Harvey, d. in Iowa, m. Aseneth Heath—ch., (1) Susan, m. Thomas Gilfillan of Barnet—ch., [1] Minnie E., [2] Ralph H., [3] Lyeurgus H., [4] Ellen A., [5] Claudius H.; (2) John G., m. Ellen Anderson, rem. to Iowa—ch., [1] Gilbert C., [2] Winona E., [3] ———; 3, Margaret A., m. John C. Gleason—ch., (1) Mary E., m. Rev. Isaac Bridgeman of Hanover—ch., [1] Walter Ray, [2] John C., [3] Mary F., (2) William D., (3) John L., (4) Eliza D., (5) Martha J., (6) George D., (7) Laura A.; 4, Adam, d. young; 5, George N., m. Hannah Peek, residence Iowa—ch., (1) Margaret A., (2) Thomas J.; 6., Moses L., m. Susan Downs—ch., (1) Charles L., (2) Luella D., (3) Charles L.; 7, James L., d. in St. Louis, Mo., 1846; 8, Horace B., d. young. IV., George, b. 1783, m. Martha Whipple—ch., 1, son, d. young; 2, Adeline, m. Charles G. Livermore of Alstead. V., Jane, b. 1785, m. John Nelson of Ryegate, d. 1814. VI., Rachel, d. young. VII., Isaac, b. 1789, m. Betsey Whipple, rem. to Barnet—ch., 1, Martha M., m. Joseph R. Dowse—ch., (1) George W., d. in the battle of Pea Ridge, m. Julia Posa—ch.,

two; 2, ———, d. young; 3, Betsey, m. George E. Harrington, rem. to Wisconsin—ch., (1) Charles L., (2) Annabel; 4, Adeline, d. young; 5, Emeline, m. first Edward Norris, rem. to California—ch., (1) Clarence E., d. young; m. second DeWitt C. Gaskell—ch., (2) Anna, (3) Edward C., d. young, (4) Edward D. VIII., James, b. 1791, d. unm. COL. DUNCAN, m. second Betsey Prouty, sister of Mrs. John Davidson—ch., IX., Daniel, b. 1794, d. young. X., Hiram, d. young. XI., Horace, b. 1799, rem. to Lyman, m. Roxanna Hall—ch., 1, son, d. young; 2, daughter, d. young; 3, Martha W., m. John B. Warden of Bath; 4, Mary L.; 5, Horace H. XII., Fanny, d. unm. XIII., Cyrus, d. young. XIV., Harvey. XV., Milon. XVI., Solon (the three last d. young, of spotted fever). XVII., Betsey, m. Dr. Thomas J. Stevens, rem. to Charlestown, Mass.—ch., 1, Helen M., m. Horace H. Pitcher, rem. to New York City; 2, Emma J.; 3, Milon. XVIII., Theron, m. Anna Newton (see Newton family); was killed in battle near Petersburg, Va., 1864—ch., 1, Sarah M. A., m. Freeman E. Brackett (see Brackett family); 2, John B., d. from a wound received at the storming of Fort Fisher in 1864; 3, George; 4, Clara E.; 5, Walter I.; 6, Arthur H.; 7, Albert N. XIX., Mary, m. Carlos McNab of Barnet, Vt.—ch., 1, Carlos M., served in the late war, m. Mary Smith, rem. to Dubuque, Iowa; 2, Frances J., m. Davis B. Prentiss (see Prentiss family). ISAAC, brother of COL. JOHN, m. Martha Moore—ch., 1, Elizabeth, m. Rufus Brigham (see Brigham family).

JAMES DYER came from Athol, Mass., to Acworth, in 1841, m. Mary Howe (see Howe family)—ch., I., George. II., Emily A. III., Charles F.

DARIUS I. EATON, native of Springfield, Vt., m. Belinda Spencer in 1837—ch., I., Eliza A., m. Daniel C. Walker in 1861 (see Daniel Walker family). II., Belinda D., m. Orin E. Fisk of Charlestown—ch., 1, Martina H. III., Darius A. IV., Benjamin L. V., Helen L. VI., John T., d. young. VII., Mary E. VIII., Lyman B. IX., Mason W. X., Tyla T. XI., Aaron S., b. 1863, d. young.

CYRUS ELLENWOOD, s. in Acworth in 1826, m. Sally Draper—ch., I., Sally. II., Harvey, m. Mrs. Estella Hill—ch., 1, Frederic S. III., Francis, m. Cynthia A. E. Whitman. IV., Simeon F., m. Susan Clark. V., Hiram, m. Martha Clark. VI., John W., m. Nancy Rollins.

PETER EWINS, son of James Ewins, came from Londonderry to Acworth previous to 1777—ch., I., Josiah. II., James, d. unm. III., Nancy, m. Joshua Lancaster (see Lancaster family). PETER, m. second Sallie Hall. JANE EWINS, a sister of Peter, m. Lieut. James Rogers (see Rogers family).

GEORGE B. FIELD, son of Otis Field of Lempster, came to Acworth about 1844, m. Martha J. McDuffie (see McDuffie family)—ch., I., Freddie E.

JOSEPH FINLAY came from the north of Ireland to Londonderry, N. H., and commanded a volunteer company in the war of the Revolution. In October, 1777, he marched his company to the support of the Continental army at Saratoga. He m. first Mrs. Jane Taylor of Londonderry, N. H.,

and by her had 3 ch., Hugh, Samuel, and Robert; the latter d. unm. while preparing for the ministry; m. second Mrs. Elizabeth Logan, and had 2 ch., Esther, who m. Jacob Hayward (see Hayward family), and Elizabeth, who m. Joseph Morse of Alstead, N. H. The two oldest sons came to Acworth in 1780, their outfit being a pair of oxen and sled, with which they brought their provisions, cooking utensils, and other appliances, for frontier life—the snow being then so deep and hard, that they were able to drive their team across lots and over fences on their journey to their new home. The father, mother, and remainder of the family came to Acworth the following month. SAMUEL was, for many years, an active and efficient officer in the Congregational Church. His grave and serious manner of conducting the weekly prayer-meeting in his district will be remembered as long as any survive who were accustomed to attend them. Upon occasion, he would give medical as well as spiritual advice to his friends and neighbors in need. His opinion in legal matters was also much relied upon, and he was often selected as executor of wills. In short, his judgment, on all matters with which he was cognizant, was much trusted. He m. Hannah Witherspoon of Chester—ch., I., Lucy, d. young. II., Jane T., m. Aaron Southard of Haverhill (see Southard family). III., Robert, m. first Peggy Wallace (see Wallace family)—ch., 1, Hannah, m. Joseph Copeland of Unity (see Copeland family); 2, Nancy J., m. Lucius Estabrook of Rockingham, Vt.—ch., (1) Harriet, (2) Sarah; m. second Sally Remington—ch., 3, Harriet, m. Samuel Archer—ch., (1) Jane; 4, John; 5, Samuel, d. young. IV., David, d. young. V., Joseph, d. unm. VI., John, d. unm. VII., Nancy, m. Hon. Jesse Slader (see Slader family). VIII., Fanny, d. unm. IX., Hugh, m. Sabra Cram (see Cram family)—ch., 1, Joseph P., d. young; 2, Solon S., m. Emily W. Earle of Providence, R. I.—ch., (1) Henry C., (2) William B., (3) Frank H., (4) Jesse; 3, Jesse, d. young; 4, Aaron S., m. Josephine L. Brooks (see Brooks family); 5, Samuel; 6, Henry H., d. young; 7, George H., d. young; 8, Sarah J.; 9, Charles A. X., Jesse, d. unm. XI., Matthew A., d. of spotted fever. HUGH, son of JOSEPH FINLAY, m. Jane Cochran—ch., I., Mary, m. John Nelson of Ryegate, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary J., m. John McBride of Iowa—ch., (1) Annette; 2, John F., m. Mary G. Gibson—ch., (1) Mariette J., (2) John A., (3) Fremont S., (4) Lizzie B., (5) Sarah J., (6) Harry A. (7) William G.; 3, Jennette C., m. Rev. J. D. Cunningham of Iowa—ch., (1) Mary, d., (2) Samuel, (3) Margaret, (4) John, (5) Lizzie, (6) Fenner, d., (7) Beattie, (8) Mitchell, (9) William; 4, William H., m. Margaret Montieth—ch., (1) Annabel M., (2) John W., (3) Orinda J., (4) Mary L., (5) Nettie C., (6) Martha A., (7) Laura H., (8) Sophia B., d., (9) Louis, (10) Peter A.; 5, Elizabeth, m. Rev. F. E. King, d.—ch., (1) Mary C., (2) Nelson W., (3) Freddie E., (4) John W., (5) Laura A.; 6, Margaret S., m. Rev. J. M. Beattie—ch., (1) Elizabeth A., d., (2) John S., (3) William L.; 7, James R., m. Margaret Nelson; 8, Agnes D., m. Rev. James Dickson of New York—ch., (1) Nelson J. II., Joseph, m. first Ann Morrison—ch., 1, Elizabeth;

2, Ann J. W. ; m. second Margaret Gibson—ch., 3, William J. ; 4, Mary J. ; 5, Margaret A. ; 6, Joseph A., m. Nellie Gibson—ch., (1) Effie. III., Betsey, m. William Warner (see Warner family). IV., Samuel, d. 1868 ; he showed his interest in the Congregational Church, of which he was a consistent member for many years, by a legacy of \$1,000 ; m. Lucinda S. Copeland (see Copeland family). V., Sophia, m. James G. Anderson of Ira, Vt. VI., Barnet C., m. Emeline Hayward (see Hayward family)—ch., 1, Alonzo, d. young ; 2, Louisa J., m. G. W. Potter of Ira, Vt.—ch., (1) Sarah E., (2) Jennie E. ; 3, Esther A. ; 4, Sarah E., d. young ; 5, Theodore F., d. in the army.

ASA M. FISHER came from Alstead to Aeworth in 1863, m. Marion C. Erskine—ch., I., Charles L. II., Herbert L. III., Henry L. (last two twins). IV., Viola L. V., Edwin L. VI., Elmer L. VII., Edwin L.

FRANCIS P. FLETCHER, son of Francis P. of Washington, m. Sarah M. Richardson (see Symonds family)—ch., I., Ada P. II., Charles P. III., Freddie, d. young. IV., Clara E. V., Lewis E.

TIMOTHY FOSTER, b. 1776., m. Ruth Snow, s. in Aeworth in 1797—ch., I., Willard, b. 1799, m. Susan Metcalf, residence Marlow—ch., 1, Maria, m. John Hardy (see Hardy family). II., Wilder, m. Hortensia Bowen, residence Putney, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary. III., Fannie, m. Joseph Babbs—ch., 1., Maria, residence Marlow. IV., Phila, m. Jacob Wright, (III. and IV. twins). V., Jacob, m. Almira Farr, residence Marlow—ch., 1, Ovid, m. Lydia Willey, residence Claremont—ch., (1) Addison M., (2) Carrie I. ; 2, Polly, m. Jonas W. Fletcher—ch., (1) Addie A. ; 3, Jacob R. ; 4, Augusta, d. young ; 5, Hattie F. ; 6, Ellen M., d. young ; 7, Addie L., d. young. VI., Harvey, m. Clarissa Woolcot, residence Walpole. VII., Lucinda, m. Jacob Richardson (see Richardson family). VIII., Lucretia, m. Luman Smith, residence Marlow.

ISAAC FOSTER, b. at Billerica, Mass., 1746, m. Lydia T. Bacon in 1769, who was b. at Bedford, Mass., 1747, s. in Aeworth 1780, d. 1803—ch., I., Isaac, b. 1770, m. Lydia Whitney (see Whitney family), d. at Mooretown, Vt. II., Lydia, m. Retire Trask (see Trask family). III., Josiah, d. 1840 in Berlin, Vt. IV., Sarah, m. Mazelda Keyes (see Keyes family). V., William B., d. unm. at Mooretown. VI., Ira, the first of these children b. in Aeworth, d. in Michigan 1864. VII., Abigail, d. 1807. VIII., Samuel, m. ——— Spafford, d. in Jaffrey, 1863. IX., Dan, m. Rachel Blood (see Blood family)—ch., 1, Samuel B. ; 2, Evalina. X., Alice, m. Thomas Wilson of Peterboro. ISAAC, m. second Mrs. Mary Breed.

NEWTON GAGE m. first Harriet Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., I., Edwin G. ; m. second the daughter of Rev. S. S. Arnold, rem. to Weathersfield, Vt.

Walker Gassett m. Betsey Hall, daughter of Mrs. Susanna Hall. Of his large family of ch., JOEL, WALKER, JOHN, GEORGE, and MANLY W. lived in town. JOEL m. Mrs. Lucena (Barnard) Angier (see Barnard family).





*Samuel Finlay*



WALKER m. first Sarah T. Morse—ch., I, Lizzie; m. second Mrs. Nathaniel Merrill (see Merrill family). MANLY W., m. Josephine Merrill (see Merrill family). JOHN m. Deborah.

ISAAC GATES was of the third gen. in this country, s. in Acworth in 1781, the first settler on Gates' Hill, m. Mary Wheelock—ch., I, Polly, m. Aaron Brown (see Aaron Brown family). II., Isaac, residence in Acworth until 1823, rem. to Windsor, m. first Sally Evans—ch., 1, Sally, m. Aaron Foster of Putney; 2, Polly, m. David Babbitt of Londonderry, Vt.; 3, Nathaniel; 4, Electa, m. Alvah Gee of Marlow; 5, Abigail; 6, Patty; m. second Hannah Kendall—ch., 7, Betsey, m. John Clark (see George Clark family); 8, Stephen K., m. Sarah Haile; 9, Reuben; 10, Lovinia; 11, Isaac. III., Thomas, m. Patty Plumley, s. in Acworth, afterwards rem. to St. Johnsbury—ch., 1, Lucinda; 2, Sally; 3, John; 4, Betsey; 5, Thomas; 6, Cynthia; 7, Jacob. IV., Benjamin, m. Patty Stevens (see Stevens family), residence Windham—ch., 1, Enoch, d. young; 2, Elsie; 3, Benjamin; 4, Hannah; 5, Elvira. V., Betsey, m. Isaac Gates of Windsor. VI., Jacob, m. Polly Foster, residence Walpole—ch., 1, Heman, m. Sukey S. Hall; 2, Benjamin, m. Adeline Snow—ch., (1) Sarah, (2) Harriet, (3) Jacob, d. young, (4) Edward, d. young, (5) Nancy, d. young, (6) Augusta, d. young, (7) Charles, (8) Ella. VII., Reuben, m. first Rebecca Grout (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Isaac, m. Esther De Gulier, and left four children; m. second Hannah Hall—ch., 2, Mary H., m. Joseph Allan (see Allan family); Reuben was drowned in Stone Pond, Marlow. VIII., Sally. IX., Willis, m. Elmira Hulet, residence Elizabeth, N. Y.—ch., 1, Mary; 2, Reuben; 3, Hannah; 4, Irving; 5, Edson; 6, Celintha; 7, Mason; 8, Willis; 9, Almira; 10, Chester; 11, Oscar; 12, Francis; 13, Albert; 14, Silas.

ABNER GAY, native of Dedham, Mass., d. in Acworth in 1858, aged 85 years, m. Amy Warren—ch., I, Warren. II., PERSIS, m. Joseph Gleason (see Silas Gleason family). III., Hannah. IV., John. V., ELIZABETH B., m. Henry Goold (see Goold family). VI., DANIEL, m. Mary A. Symonds (see Symonds family), s. in Acworth in 1831—ch., 1, John P., m. Lois M. Scripture; 2, Sarah A., m. George A. Fisk of Wilton—ch., (1) Carrie M., (2) Arthur G.; 3, Martin D., m. Nellie Collins, residence Marlboro; 4, Austin T.; 5, Flora E.; 6, Charlie E. VII., ABNER, s. in Acworth in 1832, rem. to Boston, and now resides in Providence, m. S. A. Smith—ch., 1, Abner S.; 2, Charles P.; 3, Frederic A.; 4, James B.; 5, Emma F.; 6, William H. VIII., Ann. IX., Nancy. X., Julia, m. Moses Clark (see John Clark family). XI., Sarah. XII., Martha J.

EZRA GEORGE, one of the first settlers on Gates' Hill, was of the third gen. in this country—grandfather Peter of Amesbury, Mass., and father Joseph. EZRA s. in Acworth in 1790, m. Abigail Gove—ch., I, Sally, m. Frederic T. Miller. II., Nathan, m. Lucy Mather—ch., 1, Rosilla, m. Thomas G. Newgent; 2, Franklin, m. Mary E. Jenison; 3, Orzias; 4, Alanson, m. Francina Thompson; 5, Josephine. III., Enoch, m. Sarah C.

Cilly—ch., 1, Joseph, m. Anna Woods; 2, Nathan, d. young; 3, Nancy M., m. John W. Moore; 4, Asa M., m. Jennie E. Tandy—ch., (1) Isola; 5, Lucinda, d. young; 6, Henry N., d. in the army. IV., Roswell, m. Julia Cram—ch., 1, Shepard, d. young; 2, Juliett, d. young; 3, Clarinda, m. Henry Ingram; 4, Elizabeth, d. unm.; 5, Sumner, d. young; 6, Daniel, m. Sarah Russell; 7, Ella; 8, Emma, d. young; 9, Adelaide; 10, Louisa, d. young; 11, Edward; Roswell m. second Melissa A. P. Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., 12, Edwin A. V., Sophia, m. Nelson Kidder. VI., Clarissa, m. Gardner Huntley. VII., Ezra, d. unm. VIII., Charles, m. Louisa Hayward (see Hayward family)—ch., 1, Emily, m. Willard Tinker (see Tinker family); 2, Jennitt, m. J. Leavitt McKeen (see McKeen family); 3, Dean, m. Rosette Richardson.

GAWIN GILMORE was of the third gen. from Robert Gilmore, who came from Coleraine, Ireland, with his wife, Mary Ann Kennedy, and s. in Londonderry, N. H., in the early days of that town. Robert Gilmore had four sons, *William, Robert, John, and James*. *William* had four ch., Robert, Mary, James, and Anne. *Robert*, by his first wife, Anne, had James and Elizabeth; by his second wife, John and Rodger, who lived in Jaffrey, N. H., William, Mariam, and Jemima. *John* d. unm. *James* m. Jean Baptiste, and had first John, who lived in Rockingham, Vt.; second, Jonathan, who lived in Ira, Vt., and had several sons, of whom James, Robert, William, and Jonathan rem. to Ohio; third, James, who resided in Windham, N. H.; was a Captain in the war of the Revolution, afterwards Colonel; was the father of James, John, Baptist, NANCY (Nesmith), ROBERT, GAWIN, MARGARET (see George Clark family), ANNA (see James Dickey 2d family), RUTH (see Duncan family), Jonathan, who d. in Charlestown, Jenny (Caldwell), who lived in Nottingham, and Betsey and Polly, who d. unm.; fourth, Jane, m. Robert Pattison of Saco, Me.; fifth, Margaret, who m. George Pattison of Coleraine, Mass.; sixth, Elizabeth, m. Samuel Wilson of Londonderry; seventh, Agnes, m. Benjamin Nesmith; eighth, Mary Ann, m. John Bell, Esq., of Londonderry. GAWIN was a blacksmith, s. in Acworth in 1790; was also a trader from 1815 to 1828; was chosen State Senator in 1823 and 1824; was the first High Sheriff of Sullivan County, from 1827 to 1837; an Elector of President and Vice-President in 1836, and a Justice of the Peace from 1805 to the time of his death, 1841; m. first Sally Grout (see Grout family)—ch., I., Leonard, residence Claremont, m. Sarah M. Grannis, daughter of Timothy Grannis, Esq., of C.—ch., 1, Charles; 2, Homer G.; 3, Leonard; 4, Sarah; 5, Annis; 6, Timothy G.; 7, Gawin. II., Hiram, m. Mindwell McClure (see McClure family,) d. in Montreal in 1862—ch., 1, Sally A.; 2, Gawin; 3, twins, Robert and Martha; 4, Mary L.; 5, Charles H. III., Laura, m. Hock Hills, residence Fox Lake, Wis.—ch., 1, George; 2, Charles; 3, John; 4, Henry. IV., Granville. V., Betsey, m. first Alexander Graham (see Graham family); m. second Simeon Stevens of Newbury. GAWIN, m. second Anna Stebbins





*A. A. Gilmore*

of Saybrook, Ct.—ch., VI., Sally A., m. Nathaniel G. Davis of Rutland, Mass., residence Reading, Mass.—ch., 1, Amelia E.; 2, Clarissa; 3, Juliette; 4, Charles G.; 5, Sarah; 6, Emma; 7, William E. VII., Caltha, m. J. H. Dickey (see Dickey family). VIII., Nancy, m. Elisha A. Parks (see Parks family). ROBERT GILMORE, brother of GAWIN, s. in Acworth 1791, m. Jenny Houston (see Houston family)—ch., I., Nancy, d. unm. II., Horace, m. Pamela Cooke, residence Watertown, N. Y.—ch., 1, George A.; 2, twins, Orville and Oramel; 3, James E.; 4, Martha J.; 5, Sarah A.; 6, Robert A.; five of these now reside in Watertown and vicinity. III., Cyrus, d. young. IV., Cyrus, d. young. V., Alexander H., residence Fairlee, Vt.; has been Judge of Probate, and has held many other public offices in that district; m. Mary M. Childs—ch., 1, Letitia J.; 2, Spencer C.; 3, Edwin A.; 4, James W., residence Manistree, Mich.; 5, W. Harrison; 6, Mary A.; 7, Pamela C.; 8, Cathie J. VI., Jane, d. unm. VII., Ann, d. unm. VIII., Sarah, G., m. Stevens Chandler, residence Orford—ch., 1, David W.; 2, Laura Anna; 3, Amelia S.; 4, Robert G. IX., Robert H., d. unm.

HENRY P. GLEASON, native of Worcester, Mass., s. in Acworth 1851, m. Roxilla Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., I., Robert D., residence Winchendon, Mass. II., Mary, m. Alonzo Mathewson (see Mathewson family). III., Charles H., m. Jennie Streeter, residence Winchendon, Mass.—ch., 1, Gratia Louise. IV., Freddie F.

SILAS GLEASON, native of Marlborough, Mass., s. in Acworth 1798. m. Elizabeth Howe (a relative of the Howe family)—ch., I., Dorothy, d. unm. II., Elizabeth, m. Stephen Himes (see Himes family). III., Jerry, m. Mrs. Patty Shedd, residence Washington—ch., 1, Silas P.; 1, Martha. IV., Susanna, m. David Gould of Chelsea, Mass. V., Louisa, d. young. VI., Joseph, m. Persis Gay (see Gay family)—ch., 1, Persis E., m. Rufus Carey (see Carey family); 2, Lucinda B.; 3, Juliette, m. Calvin D. Peck; 4, Nedon A., 5, Parthena A., m. Julius R. Crossett. VII., Gilbert H., m. Jane Metcalf, rem. to Boston—ch., 1, Wm. Henry; 2, Charles S. VIII., Mindwell, became a teacher in Illinois, d. unm. IX., Silas A., d. unm. X., Linda, d. young.

HENRY GOOLD, native of Lebanon, s. in Acworth 1833, m. first Elizabeth G. Gay—ch., I., Charles H., m. Annette A. Grout (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Hattie E., rem. to Michigan; m. second Emeline Davis in 1848 (see O. Davis family)—ch., II., Emma L. III., Lillian V. IV., Albina A. FREDERIC GOOLD, brother of HENRY, came to Acworth in 1844.

MARQUIS D. GOULD m. Betsey Colby of Warner, s. in Acworth—ch., I., Luena C., d. young. II., Luena C. III., Freddie L. IV., Frank J.

JONATHAN, JOHN M., SAMUEL, SQUIERS, POLLY, and SARAH GOVE, ch. of Elijah Gove of Weare, s. in Acworth. Their grandfather's name was Jonathan, and their great-grandfather is supposed to have been Jonathan, brother of Edward, member of the General Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire, imprisoned in the tower of London for three years, for heading an

attempted revolution against the arbitrary proceedings of Gov. Cranfield in 1682. POLLY m. Moses Barnard (see Barnard family). SARAH m. Hilliard Cram (see Cram family). SAMUEL s. in Acworth about 1800, m. Delia Welsh; only his oldest ch. Nancy is a native of Acworth; she m. Parker Boynton, residence Weare—ch., 1, Frank P. SQUIERS s. in Acworth about 1810; remained but a few years. JONATHAN s. in Acworth in 1808; was widely known on account of the many public offices which he held, and also on account of his services being much required as a skillful and accurate land surveyor. He was elected Treasurer of the county of Cheshire, when Sullivan County was part of it; was chosen several times Representative to the Legislature, and twice a member of the Governor's Council. His natural abilities were of a superior order; and on account of his sterling common sense, affability, and genial nature, he was very popular in all public stations; m. first Polly Fisher—ch., I., Emeline, d. young. II., Lucy Ann, m. J. W. Morse of Weare—ch., 1, John G.; 2, Charles M.; 3, Mary E., residence Bradford. III., Oliver, m. Eliza M. Straw, residence Unity—ch., 1, Henry A, d. young; 2, Sarah J. IV., Polly E., m. Hiram Blanchard (see Blanchard family). JONATHAN m. second Eunice Bingham—ch., V., James, d. young. VI., Jonathan S., m. Mary A. Nichols, residence Boston—ch., 1, William S.; 2, Cora E., d. young; 3, Edward N.; 4, son, d. young. VII., James B., m. Elizabeth H. Connor, residence Henniker—ch., 1, Helen E.; 2, Charles F., d. young; 3, Lizzie E. VIII., Charles C., m. Mary E. Barnes, residence Jersey City—ch., 1, ———, d. young; 2, Charlie B.; 3, Arthur L.; 4, Frederic W.; 5, Mary G.—all dead. IX., Eliza M., m. George Hilliard of Peterboro, Province of Ontario—ch., 1, Adelaide E.; 2, George G.; 3, Charles S.; 4, Clara, d. young; 5, Wm. Franklin; 6, Lillie, d. young. X., Henry, d. young. JONAS m. s. in Acworth in 1809, m. Anna Montgomery (see Montgomery family)—ch., I., Johial, d. young. II., Vienna, m. Leonard Bowles—ch., 1, Alman, d. leaving two ch., (1) Fred, (2) Frank; 2, Phebe A., m. E. C. Knight of Lisbon—ch., three; 3, Jonathan; 4, Vienna; there were three other children of Mrs. Bowles who d. young. III., Laura, m. Joseph L. Taylor—ch., 1, Angeline, m. Asa Sanborn, residence Wisconsin—ch., (1) Charles, (2) Brigham; 2, Brigham; 3, Charles; 4, Marietta; 5, Timothy, m. Addie Kendall; 6, Augusta, m. Joseph ——— of Salem, Mass.; 7, Betsey A.; 8, Ira; 9, Lovell; 10, Anna; 11, John; 12, Elijah. IV., John T., m. first Augusta A. F. Downs; m. second Betsy C. Richardson—ch., 1, Charles, d. unm; 2, J. Mills, and two daughters, d. young. V., Elijah B., m. Mary Wilson—ch., 1, Francis M.; 2, Edward W. VI., Ira S. M., m. Mary A. Mussey—ch., 1, Fred H.; 2, Minnie; he has been Registrar of Deeds and Deputy Sheriff in Coos County. VII., Hannah P., m. Joel McGregory—ch., 1, Anna E., m. Joel M. Sartwell; 2, George G.; 3, Charles I.; 4, John L.; 5, Joel M.; 6, Stella. VIII., George S., m. Maria P. Clark (see George Clark family)—ch., 1, Delle E., d. young; 2, Anna M. George S. studied medicine



with Drs. Albert Winch and J. L. Fulsom; graduated at Dartmouth Medical College in 1858; is now practicing at Whitefield. IX., Charles P., d. young.

GEORGE M. GOWEN, native of Franklin, Mass., m. Hannah Chase, s. in Acworth in 1845—ch., I., George M., m. Mary F. Loomis—ch., 1, William L.; 2, George A. II., Harriet A. III., Charles R. IV., Lydia A. V., Emily A. VI. and VII. (twins), Frank and Frances.

JAMES GOWING, the grandson of James of Jaffrey, and son of Benjamin of Rockingham, Vt., s. in Acworth, and afterwards rem. to New York, m. Susan Hayward—ch., I., Esther E., m. Homer Murdough (see Murdough family), residence New York. II., Betsey, m. Levi Marsh—ch., 1, Jennie. III., Alonzo, d. IV., Joseph, d. JEMIAL GOWING, brother of JAMES, s. in Acworth in 1841, now resides in Chester, Vt., m. Arvilla Gowing—ch., I., Ann, m. Trueman H. Richardson (see Richardson family). II., Cyrus H., d. young. LEVI GOWING was also grandson of James, and son of Levi of Springfield, Vt., m. Mary Emery, s. in Acworth in 1841, now resides in Ascutneyville, Vt.—ch., I., Elvira, m. Daniel March (see March family). II., Norman, d. in military hospital at Burlington, Vt. III., Amanda, m. Philo F. Brackett, d. in Wisconsin. IV., Mary J., m. Frank Clark, residence in Rockingham. V., Charles.

SALLY DAVIS, daughter of Asa Davis of Rutland, Mass., widow of William Graham, and sister of Mrs. Nathaniel Grout and Mrs. Flag Moore, came to Acworth with her children about 1814—ch., I., William, m. first Mary Church, never came to Acworth—ch., 1, Lydia A., m. Harvey Evans of South Roylston, Mass.—ch., (1) William H., (2) Edward H.; 2, Mary F., m. Stillman Segar; 3, William, m. second Nancy Miller—ch., 4, George M.; 5, Walter; 6, Harlan. II., Dolly, d. young. III., Alexander, m. Betsey Gilmore (see Gilmore family)—ch., 1, Sally A., m. John McConnon, residence Monticello, Iowa—ch., (1) Willie, (2) Anna, (3) John; 2, Betsey, m. first Hollister Archer—ch., (1) Helen; m. second Mason M. Woodbury (see Woodbury family); 3, William G., d. young; 4, John G., m. Lorette E. Barnard (see Barnard family); 5, Alexander G., m. Lizzie R. Neal (see Neal family)—ch., (1) Solon F. IV., Davis A., m. first Catharine Barnes of Keesville, N. Y.—ch., 1, Lyman B., m. Jennie Bancroft—ch., (1) Carrie, (2) Mary; Davis A. m. second Mrs. Aurilla Munn—ch., 2, William A., m. Dencie Pratt; 3, Charles E., d. unm.; 4, Elwin; Davis A. m. third Mrs. Ruth Emerson, residence West Stewartstown. V., Mary, m. Dr. Lyman Brooks (see Brooks family). VI., John, m. Lydia Stone, residence Ludlow—ch., 1, Pamela, d. unm. VII., Pamela, m. Chapin K. Brooks (see Brooks family). MRS. SALLY GRAHAM m. second Joseph Currier of Langdon—ch., VIII., Louisa, m. Charles M. Woodbury (see Woodbury family).

WILLIAM GRAVES, son of John Graves, was b. in Kensington in 1766, m. Susanna Blake, b. in Hampton Falls in 1762, s. in Acworth in 1796, d. in 1837—ch., I., Simon, b. 1788, m. Hannah Sanborn, rem. to Andover—ch.,

1, Susan ; 2, Harrison ; 3, Jane ; 4, Milton ; 5, Hannah ; 6, Marcia ; 7, Melissa. II., William, rem. to Andover, m. first Abigail Tudor ; m. second Elzira Ellis ; m. third Mrs. Mehitable B. Weare. III., Samuel, d. unm. at Portsmouth, in United States service in 1814. IV., John, was a soldier in the war of 1812, was in the battle of Plattsburg, rem. to St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1827, afterwards to Marshfield, m. Betsey Cilley—ch., 1, Samuel, b. in Acworth in 1820 ; apprenticed to E. and T. Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury ; by them allowed to attend the Lyndon Academy two terms, which so inspired in him a desire for a liberal education, that he sought and obtained permission of his parents, and the firm of the Fairbanks', to enter upon a course of study. At the age of nineteen, he entered Madison University ; graduated from a full course of literary and theological instruction in 1846. While in the theological seminary, was instructor of Greek in college, and, after graduating, was tutor of mathematics in college ; was ordained pastor of the Baptist Church in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1849, where he preached three years, the church increasing in numbers from 67 to 216 ; was appointed professor in Kalamazoo College, and afterwards professor of systematic theology in the theological seminary connected with the college, where he remained eight years laboring earnestly and successfully. In 1859, received a call from the Central Baptist Church in Norwich, Conn., where he still labors. He is the author of three published sermons and two addresses, and is an occasional contributor to the Quarterly Review, and has received a doctorate of divinity ; m. Mary W. Baldwin—ch., (1) Lidie B., (2) Mary L., (3) Schuyler C., (4) William L. ; 2, Polly, m. Hazen Underhill ; 3, Abigail, m. Amos Camp, rem. to Hanover—ch., (1) Melvina, (2) Emily, (3) Frank B., was a soldier in the late war, wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, (4) Eunice ; 4, William, rem. to Mansfield, Mass., m. Eunice Billings—ch., two sons, d. young, (3) Ella ; 5, Jonathan, m. Harriet Gitchell—ch., nine, of which four are living ; 6, Myron, rem. to Holland, Vt., m. Sylvia Gove—ch., six ; 7, Elizabeth, m. Calvin Lewis—ch., ten, of which four are living ; 8 and 9 d. young ; 10, John, was taken prisoner in the late war, and d. of starvation at Andersonville, m. Emma Tibbetts—ch., three ; 11, d. young ; 12, Hannah, d. young ; 13, Electa, d. young. V., Henry, m. Lucinda Orcutt (see Orcutt family), residence Mooretown, Vt.—ch., 1, Lucinda ; 2, Emeline ; 3, Pamela ; 4, Armina. VI., Nathaniel, d. young. VII., Daniel, m. Polly Allen (see Allen family)—ch., 1, Galen, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1854, has been engaged in teaching, m. Laura Munson—ch., (1) Laura M. ; 2, Sarah C., m. Charles Putnam of Lempster—ch., (1) Cathie A. ; 3, Almira H., m. Andrew Cram of Marlow—ch., (1) William ; 4, William, a soldier in the late war, killed at Petersburg, Va. VIII., Susanna, d. young. IX., Hiram, rem. to Bellows Falls, Vt., m. Mary Durgan—ch., 1, Maria, m. Ira Earle ; 2, Mary A. ; 3, Henry, m. ——— Marsh. X., Franklin, b. 1807, residence Marlow, m. Amanda Howard—ch., 1, Frank H. ; 2, Henry, m. Josephine Parks—ch., (1) Anna L. ; 3, Alzira, m. ——— Rumsey ; 4, Martha A.

George W. Greeley of Derry s. in Acworth in 1860, m. Alice P. Alley—ch., I., George W. II., Hannah J., m. Rev. J. H. Hillman. III., Sarah A. IV., Charles T. V., Herbert A. VI., Franklin P., d. young.

Edwin Green, s. in Acworth in 1845, m. first Eliza A. Chase ; m. second Anna Milliken of Alstead.

JOHN GREGG's grandfather, David, b. in Londonderry, Ireland, 1685, was the son of John Gregg of the same city ; came with his wife, Mary Evans, and his son William, being then eight years of age, in 1722, to Londonderry, N. H. William and his wife Elizabeth Kyle had six sons and three daughters. Only two of them resided in Acworth. MARY, the second daughter, m. Hugh McKeen (see McKeen family). JOHN m. Lydia Melvin and came to Acworth previous to 1796—ch., I., Betsey, m. David Blanchard (see Blanchard family). II., Polly, d. unm. III., John, m. first Hannah Barnard (see Barnard family), residence Charlestown—ch., 1, Clark ; 2, Lydia, d. unm. ; 3, Lucinda, d. unm. III., John, m. second Louisa Morrison—ch., 4, George. IV., William, m. Emeline Frost, residence Charlestown—ch., 1, George, d. young ; 2, Susan ; 3, Mary, d. unm. V., Lydia, d. unm. VI., Lucinda, d. unm. VII., Benjamin, m. Cynthia Symonds (see Symonds family), residence Bennington, Vt.—ch., 1, James A., m. Charlotte Hollister—ch., (1) Fannie, (2) Hattie, (3) Fremont ; 2, Sarah A. ; 3, Cynthia M. ; 4, Almira ; 5, Corinda ; 6, George W. ; 7, Louisa. VIII., Harvey, m. Harriet West, d. in Ohio.

JOSEPH GREGG, b. in Londonderry, N. H., 1763, s. in Acworth 1790, d. 1840. His father was James, grandfather John, great-grandfather James, who emigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1718. JOSEPH m. Sally Reynolds, who d. 1842—ch., I., Hannah, m. Ithiel Silsby (see Silsby family). II., Jonathan, m. Philinda Edgates—ch., 1, Clarinda ; 2, Mariette ; 3, Betsey ; 4, Joseph ; 5, Chester ; 6, Thomas ; 7, Caroline. III., Polly, m. Aaron Bullard—ch., 1, Sally ; 2, Hannah ; 3, Lois, m. George Allen—ch., (1) Kate ; 4, Eliza ; 5, Mary ; 6, Jane, m. George Hills—ch., (1) Willie ; 7, Clara ; 8, Ithiel S. IV., Esther, d. unm. V., Sophia, d. young. VI., Sarah, d. young. VII., Lucinda, d. young. VIII., Clarinda, m. John S. Cram (see Cram family). IX., Eliza, m. Benjamin H. Pearson—ch., 1, Watson ; 2, Augusta ; 3, Charles ; 4, Cordelia. X., Daniel, d. young. XI., Joseph L., m. Abbie Curtis—ch., 1, Sammie C. ; 2, Sallie R. ; 3, Joseph d. young. Joseph L. was educated as a civil engineer, in which capacity he served with ability on the Fitchburg Railroad and on the Northern Railroad while they were building. He also once made a survey through the forests of Maine, from the Atlantic to the St. Lawrence. For some years he was employed on Southern Railroads. He was assassinated at Jacksonville, Florida, in 1859, by a young man who exclaimed, after he had fired the fatal shot : " I have shot my best friend." He was respected and beloved by all that knew him. " He was a noble son, a kind and indulgent husband and father, and an affectionate brother."

THOMAS GRIER came from Londonderry to Acworth about 1792, m. Hannah Pierce—ch., I., Jennie. II., John. III., James, residence New York. IV., Lima, d. unm. V., Levi.

HOWARD GRIFFIN m. Lydia Gould, s. in Acworth 1841, killed in a saw-mill near Deacon Ball's—ch., I., Burton. II., Alonzo.

DANIEL GROUT's great-grandfather was John Grout of Watertown, Mass. His name appears on record in 1640, the first of the name in New England history. He was a person of distinction, both civil and military. He was once sent by Gov. Winthrop on an embassy to the Indians. A coat of arms in possession of the family proves them to be of gentle blood. Daniel's father and grandfather both bore the name of Joseph. He m. Elizabeth Adams of Grafton, Mass., and s. in Acworth, 1777, d. in 1809—ch., I., Daniel, who was a practising physician in Acworth, died leaving one daughter, who m. Dr. Thomas Barrett of Chester, Vt. II., Andrew, b. 1764, m. Huldah Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., 1, Philharna, b. 1789, m. Thomas Slader (see Slader family); 2, Andrew, d. unm.; 3, Frederic, m. Marinda Brown (see Francis Brown family)—ch., (1) Mariette, m. Freeman H. Campbell (see Campbell family), (2) Frederic A., (3) Nancy Ann; 4, Huldah, m. Joseph Ball (see Ball family); 5, Hannah, d. unm.; 6, Azubah, d. unm.; 7, Daniel; 8, Elizabeth A., m. Joseph Dickey of Ryegate, Vt. (see Dickey family); 9, John, m. Hannah Allen (see Allen family)—ch., (1) Lauriston, b. 1830, m. Angeline Twichel, (2) Milon, m. Emily A. Putnam, (3) Huldah E., m. Charles Osgood—ch., [1] Nellie, (4) Austin, d. in the army, (5) Caltha, d. young, (6) Galen A., m. Helen E. Robinson (see Robinson family)—ch., [1] Lizzie, [2] Angie, (7) Harrison E., d. in the army, (8) Harriet E., m. John Bacon of Lexington, Mass., (9) Annette A., m. Charles H. Gould (see Gould family), (10) L. Emma; 10, Sally, m. Joseph Dickey (see Dickey family); 11, William R., m. Nancy J. Hayward (see Hayward family) residence Springfield, Vt.—ch., (1) Nathaniel, (2) William A.; 12, Patty W., d. young; 13, Linda, m. Albert Pearson (see Pearson family). III., Elizabeth, m. Thomas Dodge (see Dodge family). IV., Polly, m. Amos Keyes (see Keyes family). V., Lucy, m. Edward Slader (see Slader family). VI., Alexander, for many years a deacon in the Congregational Church, afterwards rem. to Springfield, Vt. He was a quiet, unassuming man, but was a faithful and exemplary officer in the church, and was much respected; m. Esther Fisher, sister of Mrs. Lemuel Lincoln—ch., 1, Theda, m. Rev. Jubilee Wellman (see Wellman family); 2, Sophia, m. James A. Grimes; 3, Alexander, m. Margaret Dickey (see Dickey family), residence Claremont; 4, Samuel H., d. young; 5, Daniel, m. Esther Spencer; 6, Nancy. VII., Nathaniel, m. first Lucinda Slader (see Slader family), m. second Mary Davis, sister of Mrs. Sally Graham, and Mrs. Flagg Moore. He was for more than forty years engaged in mercantile business in Acworth, and thus lived prominently before the public. In his funeral sermon it was said that he "sustained a character for uniform and strict veracity, and for uprightness and in-



*Nath. Grout*







*Eben. Grout*



tegrity in all his dealings. He possessed a large degree of public spirit and benevolence, and by his candor and unassuming deportment, and uniform and unaffected kindness, he secured the universal esteem and respect of the community." He left a legacy of one thousand dollars to the Congregational Society. VIII., Sally, m. Gawen Gilmore Esq. (see Gilmore family). IX., John, m. Hannah Stebbins (see Stebbins family)—ch., 1, Solon, m. Rebecca A. Knickerbocker—ch., (1) John K., (2) Hammond, (3) Caroline F., (4) Mary L., (5) Charles P., 2, John H., a portrait painter, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 3, May L., m. Henry C. Hutchins, a lawyer in Boston—ch., (1) Harvey G., (2) Edward W. X., Mindwell, m. Elisha Parks (see Parks family). XI. Martha, m. James M. Warner (see Warner family). XII., Linda, m. first Bezaleel Beckwith (see Beckwith family), m. second Isaac Prouty of Royalston. XIII., Leonard, d. young. DANIEL GROUT's posterity have more generally resided in town than any other family. They have therefore exerted a wide influence, and very uniformly on the right side. DANIEL himself, his son Alexander, his grandson John, and his son-in-law Edward Slader, have all served as deacons in the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM GROUT, the son of Joseph, who was brother of DANIEL, enlisted in the Revolutionary army before he was eighteen, and was disabled from further service in the battle of Monmouth, s. in Acworth in 1799. Reference to the list of town officers will show that he often held public office; d. in Rushford, N. Y., 1836, m. first Rebecca Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., I., Hannah, d. young. II., Mindwell, m. John C. McKeen (see McKeen family). III., Rebecca, m. Reuben Gates (see Gates family). IV., Amy, m. Samuel Herriek. V., William, a physician in North Camden, Ohio (see Dr. Alvah Cummings' response), m. Minerva Stevens—ch., 1, Nancy L., m. Harvey Butler—ch., (1) Lois, (2) Maria, (3) Emma; 2, Seth; 3, William H.; 4, Minerva; 5, Rebecca; 6, Amy; 7, Mary J. VI., Hannah. VII., Lucy. SARAH GROUT, sister of WILLIAM, m. first Frederic Keyes (see Keyes family); m. second Eusebius Silsby (see Silsby family). COL. EBENEZER GROUT, brother of WILLIAM, s. in Acworth in 1782, d. in 1850, m. Polly Houston, (see Houston family)—ch., I., Benjamin, m. Orra Cummings (see Cummings family); served as Lieutenant in the war of 1812—ch., 1, Laura R., m. first Lewis B. Tibbetts; m. second Rev. Eleazer Smith; 2, Carlos B., m. Elizabeth Johnson; 3, Sarah J., m. Lorenzo Coggeshall; 4, Ebenezer; 5, Alonzo, d. young; 6, Alonzo C.; 7, Sanborn; 8, Fanny; 9, Chauncey L.; 10, Frank R. II., Nancy, d. young. III., Sally, m. Horace Campbell (see Campbell family). IV., Polly, d. young. V., Polly, m. Alvah Cummings (see Cummings family). VI., Nancy, m. Winslow Allen (see Allen family). VII., Ebenezer, d. young. VIII., Mindwell, d. young. IX., Ebenezer, m. Zama Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., 1, Ebenezer S.; 2, Carlos L.; 3, Seth, d. young. X., Mindwell.

AMOS HARDING came from Alstead to Acworth in 1824, m. Betsey New-

ton (see Newton family)—ch., I., Samuel. II., Amos, m. Lorinda Silsby, d. in the army—ch., 1, Herbert N.; 2, Elmer E. III., Louisa B., d. unm.

THOMAS HARDY of North Brookfield, Mass., m. Hepzibah Rice, s. in Acworth about 1802—ch., I., Dorcas. II., Shadrach. III., Rufus, m. Lucy Livermore of Brookfield, Mass.—ch., 1, Samuel; 2, Levi; 3, Anna; 4, William. IV., Hepzibah, m. Davidson Barr, residence Stockbridge, N. Y.—ch., 1, Ebenezer; 2, Deborah; 3, Persis; 4, Asaph; 5, Joseph; 6, Thomas; 7, Ann; 8, Sydney; 9, Hepzibah; 10, Jane; 11, Davidson. V., Timothy. VI., Ezekiel. VII., Candace. VIII., Eleb, m. Philetta Bulard of Brookfield, Mass.—ch., 1, Caroline, m. Lemuel Miller, residence Lempster—ch., (1) Ann J., m. Alford B. Gee of Lyme, Ct., (2) Carrie H., (3) William A.; 2, Hepzibah, m. H. L. Rice, residence Alstead—ch., (1) Hellen, (2) Henry L., m. Sophia L. Watts, residence Fitchburg, Mass., (3) Willard H.; 3, John B., m. Hepzibah Peck of Claremont—ch., (1) Calvin E., m. Betsey J. Vincent of Nashua, (2) J. Henry, m. Maria Foster (see Foster family), residence Marlow, (3) Lyman B., m. C. Huldah Symonds, residence Coventry, Ky.; 4, Willard, m. Philena Peck of Claremont; 5, Thomas A., m. Lois K. Peck of Claremont—ch., (1) Charles A., (2) Emma J., (3) Harriet E., (4) Etta L.; 6, Liberty R., m. Amanda W. Miller of Langdon. IX., Issachar, m. Eunice Farley of New York—ch., 1, Thomas, m. Sarah Tilton of Marlow, residence Brooklyn, N. Y.; 2, Harriet W., m. Seneca Sweet, residence Claremont; 3, Mary A., m. Willard Wilson, residence Alstead; 4, Dexter, m. Elvira Tarbell, residence Lowell, Mass.

JACOB HAYWARD was of the fifth gen. in America: First gen., Thomas, emigrated from England to Duxbury, Mass., previous to 1638; was an original proprietor and early settler of Bridgewater, Mass. Second gen., Nathaniel, m. Hannah, daughter of Dea. John Willis. Third gen., Benjamin, m. Sarah, probably daughter of John Aldrich. Fourth gen., Dea. Jacob, m. Martha, daughter of Nehemiah Allen. JACOB HAYWARD, b. in Bridgewater, in 1738, m. Joanna Snell, s. in Acworth about 1788, d. in 1816—ch., I., Joanna, b. 1763, m. Nathaniel Whitney (see Whitney family). II., Jacob, m. Esther Findlay—ch., 1, Betsey, m. Joseph Ball (see Ball family); 2, Laura, m. John Wilson (see Wilson family); 3, Sally, d. young; 4, Hiram, d. young; 5, Polly C., d. young; 6, Susan, m. James Gowing (see Gowing family); 7, Harvey, d. unm.; 8, Patty, d. young; 9, Emeline, m. Barnet C. Finlay (see Finlay family); 10, Joseph, m. Patty G. Slader (see Slader family)—ch., (1) Hiram N., m. Sarah A. Brooks (see Brooks family), (2) Martha A., d. young, (3) Laura A., d. young, (4) Sylvanus A., (5) Charlie J., (6) Leavitt F., (7) Lizzie E., (8) Angie M.; 11, Louisa, m. first Charles George (see George family); m. second Ephraim Cummings (see Cummings family); 12, Nancy J., m. William Grout (see Grout family); 13, Fanny F., m. Daniel Nye (see Nye family). III., Allen, d. unm. IV., Levi, m. Mrs. Elizabeth (Seoville) Silsby (see Silsby family). V., Susan, m. Lewis Brigham. VI., John, m. Mary Kemp (see Kemp family)—ch., 1, Allen,

m. Lavina Silsby (see Silsby family), d. in Gilsum in 1866—ch., (1) Laura, m. Tyler Clark (see William Clark family), (2) Bethiah S., m. Harvey Rawson—ch., [1] Adela, [2] George, (3) Allen, m. Hattie Isham—ch., [1] Ella, [2] Mary, (4) Nathaniel S., m. Louisa Collier (see Kemp family)—ch., [1] Herbert A., (5) Julia A., d. young, (6) Julia A., m. George Ellis—ch., [1] Lora, (7) Josephine, d. young, (8) Francis E., d. unm., (9) George D.; 2, Judith, d. unm.; 3, Joanna, d. young; 4, John S., m. first Betsey Ball, sister of Dea. Thomas Ball—ch., (1) Huldah, m. Harvey Miller—ch., [1] James, [2] Clara, [3] Thomas, (2) Thomas B., (3) Augusta, m. George Heard (see Heard family), (4) Henry M.; 4, John S., m. second Betsey Kemp (see Kemp family), d. in 1865; 5, Mary, m. Daniel Kemp (see Kemp family), d. in 1835; 6, Nehemiah, m. Lucy B. Brown—ch., (1) Milton P., studied medicine with Dr. Gardiner S. Brown of Hartford, Ct., attending lectures meanwhile at the Boston Medical School and at Philadelphia; graduated in 1856, practiced at Claremont, and is now practicing at Oberlin, Ohio, m. Julia B. Steele—ch., [1] Austin, d. young, [2] Theresa E., [3] Carrie M., d. young, [4] Anna L., (2) Emily L., d. unm., (3) Sarah E., d. unm., (4) Freeman G., d. young, (5) Junius A., m. Hattie J. Alden, d. in 1867, (6) Allen O., (7) James B., d. unm., (8) Lomenda A., d. unm., (9) Austin D., d. young, (10) Georgiana, (11) Anna L., (12) Herbert G., d. young, (13) Hahneman B.; 7, Jane C., m. William Ball (see Ball family); 8, Martha S., m. Daniel Kemp (see Kemp family)—ch., (1) Martha, (2) Milton; 9, Betsey, m. Nehemiah Spaulding—ch., (1) Charlotte, (2) Daniel, (3) Mariette, (4) Homer, d. young, (5) Allen, (6) Jane, (7) Emma; 10, Laura, killed instantly when young; 11, Charlotte, m. Orin Taylor (see Taylor family). VII., Nehemiah, d. unm. JACOB m. second Mrs. Hannah (Miriam) Wilcox of Littleton, Mass.—ch., VIII., Patty, d. young. IX., William, b. 1802, m. Harriet Jackson (see Jackson family)—ch., 1, Betsey, b. 1828, m. Zenas S. Mitchell (see Mitchell family) d. 1852. 2, William L., d. unm. 1856; 3, J. Freeman, m. Jane Brooks (see Brooks family), m. second Belle Green; 4, Harriet, m. Joseph M. Wood of Alstead—ch., (1) Alice Mabel; 4, Leavitt, d. 1849; 5, Martha A., d. unm. 1859; 6, Mary M., d. 1862; 7, Pamela A., d. young.

HENRY HEARD, JR., son of Henry Heard of Dublin, m. Thankful O. Grant of Alstead, s. in Aeworth 1840—ch., I., George M., m. Augusta C. Hayward. II., Emmaroy P. III., Marion L. IV. Lucy J. V., Marcella D.

JOSEPH HEMPHILL was of the third gen. in this country. His grandfather Nathaniel b. in Ireland 1700, m. Mrs. Jameson. Robert, their third child, b. 1732, m. Eleanor Clark (see Clark family). Of their ch., Hannah, b. 1758, m. James Davidson, the father of Nathaniel (see Davidson family) and JOSEPH, b. in Windham 1770, m. Susanna B. Rogers (see Rogers family) s. in Aeworth—ch., I., Aspasio, b. 1797, m. Margaret Sawyer, rem. to Sutton—ch., 1, Hannah; 2, Orson; 3, William A. II., Ovid, m. Cynthia Barber, rem. to Mich.—ch., 1, Joseph; 2, Marian; 3, Hezekiah; 4, Cyn-

thia; 5, Louisa. III., Orson, d. unm., 1826. IV., John H., studied medicine with Dr. Bliss of Alstead, graduated at Medical school at Woodstock, Vt.; practiced in Ohio 29 years much respected as a Christian gentleman; m. Marian Gage—ch., 1, Orson; 2, Joseph D. V., Asenath, m. Beza-leel Fletcher of Lempster—ch., 1, Harriet Sabina. VI., Joseph, studied with Rev. Warren Skinner of Proctorsville, Vt., and preached in the Universalist churches in Ludlow and Saxton's River, Vt., Swansea, N. H., and Orange, Mass.; m. Mary A. Cambridge of Saxton's River, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary; 2, Joseph; 3, Susanna O.; 4, Fannie; 5, William. VII., Betsey H., m. Eri Garfield of Langdon—ch., 1, Adelaide M. VIII., Calista, m. Gilman Bond of Proctorsville, Vt.—ch., 1, Sarah. IX., Hannah W., m. Dexter Copeland. X., Freeland, m. first Lydia McKeen, 1844—ch., 1, Kathleen M., m. Watson G. Pettengill; 2, Eugene F.; 3, Ashton; 4, Julian A.; m. second Henrietta Snow of Wilmington, Vt.—ch., 5, Clarence O.; 6, Oscar J.; 7, Minnie J.; 8, Alger E. XI., Erastus, m. Eliza M. Brown of Marlow—ch., 1, Madeline H. XII., Sophie H., m. Daniel A. Lillie of Bethel, Vt.—ch., 1, Luella E.; 2, Clinton L.; 3, Ida.

HUGH HENRY came from Massachusetts to Acworth, and pursued mercantile business for several years, m. Betsey Dodge (see Dodge family)—ch., 1, Mary, m. Lyman B. Walker, formerly attorney general of New Hampshire—ch., 1, Elizabeth, m. — Avery—ch., (1) Lyman B. II., Elizabeth, m. Lawrence Bigelow, residence Ottawa, province of Ontario. III., Hugh, m. his cousin, Sarah Henry, and has ten children.

RUFUS HILLIARD, a native of Cornish, s. in Acworth 1844, m. Martha M. McClure (see McClure family)—ch., I., William F. II., Clara S. GEORGE W. HILLIARD, brother of RUFUS, m. Versalia K. Fletcher, s. in Acworth—ch., I., Dora J. II., James B. III., George W. BETSEY HILLIARD, sister of GEORGE and RUFUS, m. Adna Keyes (see Keyes family).

WALTER HIMES came to Acworth from Ashford, Ct., about 1782, m. Abigail Scarborough, sister of Mrs. William Keyes—ch., I., Joseph. II., Persis, m. Robert Tapling, residence Middlesex, Vt. III., Abigail, m. Ebenezer M. Woodbury (see Henry Woodbury family). IV., Margaret, m. Samuel Meade, residence Middlesex. V., Clarissa, m. Benjamin Willey, residence Middlesex. VI., Walter. VII., Roxy, d. unm. VIII., Stephen S., m. Elizabeth Gleason (see Silas Gleason family). IX., Oliver.

BENJAMIN HOBBS came to Acworth previous to 1803, m. Esther Rogers (see Rogers family)—ch., I., Nancy. II., John. III., Albert.

PARMENTER HONEY came from New Boston to Acworth in 1815; m. Hannah ————ch., I., Ira. II., Lorenzo P. III., Mary W. IV., Sarah. V., Joseph H. VI., Hannah. VII., Mahala.

ALEXANDER HOUSTON of Londonderry, N. H., b. 1739, m. Agnes Wallace 1768 (see Robert Wallace family), s. in Acworth, 1775; was a deacon in the Congregational Church. He was large of stature, moderate in his movements, amiable in disposition, and upright in his dealings—ch., I., Martha,



*John Hemphill.*



m. Alexander Parker, residence Watertown, N. Y. II., Samuel, m. Phebe Mayo (see Mayo family)—ch., 1, Isaac, m. Theodosia Keyes (see Keyes family) residence Utah—ch., (1) Jane, m. Samuel Alexander (see Alexander family), (2) Louisa, (3) Sisson C., (4) Emeline, (5) Mindwell; 2, Nancy, d. unm.; 3, Phebe, m. Alvah Alexander (see Alexander family); 4, Deborah, m. J. Lewis Alexander (see Alexander family); 5, Alexander, m. Betsey Parks (see Parks family), residence Iowa—ch., (1) Adaline, (2) Watson W., (3) Daniel M.; 6, Maria, m. Warren Sawyer, residence Starksboro, Vt.—ch., (1) Elijah L., (2) Sarah, (3) Maria, (4) Emeline; 7, Emeline, m. William Johnson (see Johnson family). III., Mary, m. Ebenezer Grout (see Grout family). IV., Jennie, m. Robert Gilmore (see Gilmore family). V., Alexander, m. Lydia Brooks of Alstead—ch., 1, Nancy, residence Gilsum; 2, Dolly, m. J. H. Cooper—ch., (1) Flora, m. Gardiner Johnson, (2) John A., m. Laura E. Walker, residence Iowa, (3) Sarah, (4) Henry, killed in the battle of Antietam, (5) Dollie, m. Josiah Merry, residence Illinois, (6) George H., m. Josie Johnson, residence Washington, D. C., (7) Lydia, d., (8) Nancy, m. A. D. Parker, residence Shopiere, Wis., (9) Hiram, (10) Solon; 3, Zoa, m. E. H. Savage (see Savage family); 4, Prudence, d. unm.; 5, Lydia E., d. young; 6, George, m. first Lois A. Brown (see Francis Brown family); m. second M. Jane Dickey (see Dickey family)—ch., (1) Ellen P., m. G. G. Fox, residence Faribault, Minn., (2) Mary R., (3) Sarah J.; 7, Hiram, labored on the farm until the age of twenty-one, and then entered upon a course of study, supporting himself mainly by his own exertions, fitted for college mostly at Hancock; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1847, and at Bangor Theological Seminary, 1850; settled as pastor of Congregational Church at Orland, Me., nine years, and over the churches of Stockton and East Searspport, Me., eight years, afterwards spent five months in foreign travel, and is now settled at Deer Isle, Me.; m. Ellen R. Davis; 8, Lydia E., m. J. H. Boynton (see Boynton family).

DAVID HOVEY of Andover, Mass., m. first Phebe Farnham—ch., I., David. II., Phebe. III., Sally. IV., Lydia. V. Betsey. VI., Stephen. VII., Farnham. VIII., Mary. Betsey and Mary came to Acworth with their father in 1800. DAVID m. second Mrs. Ann (Durant) Davidson (see Robert Davidson family), m. third Elizabeth Chambers. V., Betsey, m. Iddo Church (see Church family). VIII., Mary, m. Rufus Bruce, residence Wolcott, Vt.—ch., 1, Louisa; 2, Milton; 3, Ryland.

HARVEY HOWARD moved from Sutton, Vt., to Acworth about 1845; m. first Lima Thayer (see Thayer family)—ch., I., Ellen, m. James G. Fish of Peterborough. II., Hermon. Mr. H. m. second Marcia Jones—ch., III., Frank C. IV., Abner A. V., Cynthia A. VI., Galen. VII., Eugene C. VIII., Freddie M. IX., Willie, d. young.

ASA HOWE, rem. from Marlborough, Mass., to Acworth, 1797, m. Lucy Hayden—ch., I., Ephriam, m. Charlotte Pike—ch., 1, Austin, m. first,

Electa Bingham, m. second Elizabeth Hamilton—ch., (1) Lucy, m. John Taylor—ch., [1] Edward A.; 2, Lucy, m. William Bates of Gilsum—ch., (1) Alphonso, (2) William, (3) Charlotte, (4) Georgianna; (5) Charles; 3, Asbury, m. Diadema Hull (see Hull family); 4, Francis, m. Sarah Bates, residence Marlow—ch., four; 5, Asa, m. Mrs. Harriet Signal. II., Asa, m. Ada Keyes, (see Keyes family)—ch., 1, Caroline, m. Henry Richardson, residence Corinth, Vt. III., Moses, m. Martha Cunningham—ch., 1, Martha, m. Alden Evans of Royalston, Vt.—ch., (1) Harvey, (2) Charles, (3) Oscar; 2, Mary, m. James Dyer (see Dyer family); 3, Ezra G., m. Caroline More—ch., (1) Josephine, (2) Mary, residence Claremont; 4, Charles H., d. young; 5, Laura, d. young; 6, Alvan, m. Carrie Holden, residence Charlestown; 7, Adams, d. young; 8, Milton; 9, William, m. Marian Alton, Putnam, Ct.; 10, Reuben, m. Mary E. Whittemore—ch., two. IV., Abigail, m. Samuel Clark (see Clark family). V., Lucy, m. Joseph Smith (see Smith family). VI., Joshua H., m. Eliza Mason—ch., 1, Harriet; 2, Mary; 3, Orpah; 4, Maria. VII., Betsey, m. first Henry Lawton of Peterborough—ch., 1, Lucy; 2, Charles, s. in Acworth, m. Azubah Smith (see Smith family); 3, Henry; m. second Jonathan Clark. VIII., Nathaniel, m. Lydia McClure (see McClure family)—ch., 1, Rufus, m. Almira Symonds (see Symonds family); 2, Theresa M., m. George C. Foster—ch., (1) Bertie, (2) Stella A., 3, Freddie N. IX., Horace, m. Judith Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., 1, Samuel A., d. young; 2, Joseph W., m. Susie C. Bailey—ch., (1) Edwin A., (2) Alvira E., (3) Henry W.; 3, R. Henry, d. unm.; 4, Edwin A., d. in army. X., Anna, m. Alvan Davidson (see Davidson family). XI., Alonzo, d. young.

CALVIN HOWE m. Frances E. Blanchard, daughter of Benjamin Blanchard, sister of Mrs. Sylvester Huntley and Mrs. Charles Hull; s. in Acworth 1865—ch., I., Emma A. II., Ella, d. young. III., Walter. IV., Willie.

ALBERT G. HUBBARD, a native of Rindge, m. Lydia J. Richardson, s. in Acworth 1867—ch., I., Ellen M., m. Charles J. Davis (see Davis family). II., Albert J., d. young.

THERON HULL s. in Acworth 1842, m. Fanny M. Way—ch., I., Diadema, m. Asbury Howe (see Howe family). II., Mahala, m. Charles Clark (see Clark family). III., Asa, rem. to Philadelphia, m. Emma F. Atherton—ch., 1, Henrietta; 2, Harriet; 3, Jennie. IV., George A., rem. to Hollis, m. Martha Nesmith—ch., 1, Jenette; 2, Harriet; 3, Mary; 4, George. V., Charles A., m. Ellen W. Blanchard—ch., 1, Osman E. B.; 2, Arthur C. VI., Albert R., d. unm. in late war. VII., Harriet S., d. unm. VIII., Henry W., d. unm. IX., James H.

ABEL HUMPHREY of Ashford, Ct., s. in Acworth 1786, m. ——— Wadkins, sister of Mrs. Jonas Keyes and Mrs. Charles Mathewson—ch., I., Polly, m. John Bailey (see Bailey family). II., Bela, m. ————ch., 1, Patty. III., Manly, m. Irene Leslie. IV., William, m. Rebecca Beckwith (see Beckwith family), residence Sutton, Vt.—ch., 1, Harriet; 2,



Hannah ; 3, Hiram ; 4, Philinda ; 5, Sarah ; 6, Electa ; 7, Abel ; 8, Lucy ; 9, Ira ; 10, Meribah.

ELIJAH HUNTLEY of Marlow, s. in Acworth 1868, m. Martha J. Reed (see Amos Reed family)—ch., I., Wesley M. II., Nella. III., Julia A.

SYLVESTER HUNTLEY, a native of Marlow, s. in Acworth, 1867, m. first, Emily Willis—ch., I., Adelaide, m. John Hildreth—ch., (1) Ida ; (2) Nellie. II., Flora, m. Silas Brackett—ch., (1) Adelaide. Mr. II. m. second Lucretia Blanchard.

ROBERT HUNTLEY (see Prentiss family) came from New Boston to Acworth 1799, m. Eleanor Clark (see Ephraim Clark family)—ch., I., Clark. II., Eleanor, m. first Roger Fenton of Marlow—ch., 1, Eleanor, m. ——— Beekwith—ch., (1) Lucy, (2) Fred, (3) George. II., Eleanor, m. second John Chandler—ch., 2, Fred V. R., m. Sophia Tuttle. III., Margaret. IV., Lucinda. V., Clarissa, m. Dana Dodge of Lempster—ch., two. VI., Allen m. Olive Goodnow—ch., 1, Henry, m. Abbie Porter—ch., (1) Nellie ; 2, Frances. VII., Lucy. VIII., Levi, m. Harriet F. Farley—ch., 1, William.

AMOS INGALLS, a native of Andover, Mass., rem. from Rindge to Acworth 1785, m. Mary Holden—ch., I., Jonathan, b. 1787, rem. to New York, m. Electa Jewett—ch., 1, Clarissa, m. Walter Rider—ch., four ; 2, Eliza, m. Henry D. Merritt—ch., two ; 3, Harriet, m. Andrew Stiler—ch., (1) Sarah A., m. James Simmons, residence Oswego County, N. Y., (2) — ; 4, William, d. 1847 ; 5, Lucina, m. Asa Mason—ch., five ; 6, Elmira, d. young ; 7, Delia, m. Jared Blodgett—ch., five ; (1) Angelia, m. Orville Fairbanks, residence Fort Scott, Kansas ; 8, Polly, m. Edmund A. Carpenter—ch., two. II., Eunice F., m. Jonathan H. Reed (see Reed family). III., Polly, m. Amos Campbell (see Campbell family). IV., Amos, rem. to the West. V., Sewall, m. Clarissa Hudson—ch., 1, Jonathan, m. Hannah M. Stearns ; 2, Milly, d. unm. ; 3, Lucina, m. Harvey D. Wallace (see Wallace family) ; 4, Harriet N., d. young ; 5, Amos, d. young ; 6, Philinda F., m. first William Alexander, m. second Jonathan Blake—ch., (1) William, (2) Emma F., (3) Charles A. ; 7, Sylvester, m. Marietta Dean—ch., (1) Josephine A., (2) Edgar D. V., Edah, m. Robert Anderson—ch., 1, Solon, m. Sarah Buswell (see Buswell family)—ch., (1) John H. ; 2, Dean ; 3, Cornelia.

HARRIET, DANIEL L., PAMELIA, and BENJAMIN F. JACKSON, natives of Lempster, came to Acworth in 1818. They were children of William and Betsey (Nurse) Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Anna (Putnam Nurse) Campbell. HARRIET m. William Hayward (see Hayward family). DANIEL L. m. Laurette Knight, residence Danvers, Mass.—ch., I., William L. PAMELIA m. Warren Thayer (see Thayer family). BENJAMIN F. m. first Arvilla Hunter—ch., I., Louisa. II., Arvilla. BENJAMIN F. m. second Adelaide Barnes—ch., III., Harriet. IV. Lincoln. V. Herbert.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, son of Samuel Johnson and Nancy Warner (see Warner family) was brought to Acworth an infant by James M. Warner at the

death of his mother ; m. first Emeline Houston (see Houston family)—ch., I., William W., d. young ; m. second Mary L. Silsby (see Silsby family).

ZEPHANIAH JOHNSON, native of Weare, rem. first to Unity and then to Acworth, 1838 ; m. Ruth Page of Unity—ch., I., Abigail C. II., George. III., Myron B. IV., Lucy A., d. young. V., Almira, m. Sumner Taylor (see Taylor family). VI., Mary E. VII., Cynthia C.

EBENEZER JONES of Royalston, Mass., s. in Acworth 1828 ; m. first Mary A. Prouty—ch., I., Martha A. II., Elizabeth. III., William. He now resides in Harrisville.

BENJAMIN KEMP, son of John, came from Fitchburg to Acworth in 1790 ; m. Judith Reed, sister of John Reed—ch., I., Judith, m. John Davidson (see Robert Davidson family). II., Benjamin, did not live in Acworth. III., John R., did not come to Acworth with his father, m. Hannah Wheeler ; of his ch., only Benjamin lived in Acworth, m. Nancy Buswell (see Buswell family)—ch., (1) John B., m. Laura Reed (see Reed family)—ch., [1] Benjamin H., [2] Edwin H., d. young, (2) Orlin R., m. Mary Reed (see genealogy of Reed family)—ch., [1] Julietta H., [2] Marietta E., m. Jotham S. Toothaker—ch., M. A. Blanche, [3] Viola L., d. 1869, [4] Edith S., [5] Allen E., [6] Etta E., [7] Orlando D., [8] Charlie D., [9] Weston O., (3) J. Harmon, residence Windsor, Vt., m. first Polly Kenny (see John Reed family)—ch., [1] Lenora, m. George W. Leighton (see Leighton family), [2] George, d. in army, [3] John, [4] Fred, d. young ; m. second Lucia Sturtevant, (4) Joseph A., m. first Amy C. Sisson—ch., [1] Josephine A., m. James Pittman, [2] Walter A., [3] Carrie E. He m. second Susan Hyde, residence Boston—ch., (5) Lovina N., m. Hiram K. Towle, residence Boston—ch., [1] Matilda A., d. young, [2] Oscar W., [3] Clara F., m. George Whitehouse, [4] Albion R., [5] Mary J. D., [6] Emerinth L., d. young, [7] Emma L. J., [8] Frank O., d. young, (6) Sally, (7) J. Hayward, m. Melissa E. Flanders, residence Vienna, N. Y.—ch., [1] Alvin, [2] Volney H., [3] Ella, [4] Esther, [5] Frank, d. young, (8) Mary Jane, m. Charles D. Sampson, residence Boston—ch., [1] Lovina, [2] Susan O., [3] Florence J. IV., Martha. V., James, d. young. VI., Kezia, d. unm. VII., Polly, m. John Hayward (see Hayward family). VIII., Dolly, d. young. IX., Betsey, m. Daniel Kemp, residence Vermont. X., Sally, d. young. XI., Aaron, m. first Dolly Allen, 1806—ch., 1, Sally A., m. Horace H. Collier—ch., (1) Helen, m. John Clark—ch., [1] Mary, d. young, [2] Hiram, [3] Alma, [4] Solon, (2) George, m. Mary A. Utton—ch., [1] Carrie, [2] George, (3) Louisa, m. first Nathaniel Hayward (see Hayward family), m. second, Edward E. Watson, (4) Ann A., (5) Harvey W. ; 2, Abigail L., m. William H. Cooper—ch., (1) Abigail, m. Richard Stanwood, (2) Laura, m. George Buswell (see Buswell family), (3) Lucinda, m. Hiram Maxham, (4) William A., m. Lizzie Hancock, (5) Aaron K., d. in army, (6) S. Eliza J., d., (7) Hattie, m. Charles Hoyt, (8) Frances ; 3, Benjamin, d. young ; 4, Dolly, m. Charles

Haskell—ch., (1) Lucy J., (2) Betsey A., (3) Louensa, d. young. (4) Paulina, (5) Charles, d. in army; 5, Louensa, m. Daniel Frost—ch., (1) Lucretia A., d. young, (2) Milon W., d. in army, (3) Lorinda, m. William Weston—ch., [1] Alice M., (4) Betsey P., m. Henry Maxham, (5) Alvin L.; 6, Phineas A., m. Betsey Blanchard (see Blanchard family)—ch., (1) Dean G., (2) Solon M., (3) Clara A., (4) Lennette A., (5) Harlan W.; 7, Eliza, m. David Frost of Worcester, Vt.; 8, Aaron, d. unm.; 9, Lucinda, m. Chauncey Hunt of Worcester—ch., (1) Charles, (2) Henrietta J., (3) Henry, (4) Chauncey N., (5) Etta L., (6) George E., (7) Dean G. K., (8) an infant daughter; 10, Samuel W., m. Chloe P. Leonard of Worcester—ch., (1) Mary E. W.; 11, an infant son. XI., Aaron, m. second Mrs. Polly (Reed) Shedd (see Supply Reed family). XII., Moses, m. Polly Reed (see John Reed family), rem. to Langdon—ch., 1, Asenath, m. John Clark (see William Clark family); 2, Patty, m. Oliver Benskoote. XIII., Jane, m. Ebenezer Buswell (see Buswell family).

ELISHA KEMPTON, native of Croydon, came from Newport to Acworth in 1848; m. first Harriet Vickery—ch., I., Eunice S., m. Ruel S. Bascom (see Bascom family). II., Elisha M. III., Harriet A. IV., Jonathan. He m. second Mrs. Lorinda Barden.

ROBERT KENNEDY of Goffstown, s. in Acworth in 1863; m. Judith H. Buswell (see Buswell family)—ch., I., Milon O. II., Jennie A., m. Henry F. Burnham, (see Burnham family). III., Cornelia A. IV., Ella L.

EPHRAIM KEYES of Ashford, Ct., m. Sarah Wadkins, sister of Mrs. Samuel Smith (see Smith family), s. in Acworth 1769, d. aged 89 years—ch., I., William, b. in Ashford, Ct., 1740, was the first settler in Acworth; m. Hannah Scarborough of Ashford—ch., 1, Huldah, b. 1768, m. Andrew Grout (see Grout family); 2, Philharma, b. 1769, the first child b. in Acworth, d. young; 3, Frederic, b. 1770, m. Rachel Jacobs, residence Northumberland, N. Y., d. 1834—ch., (1) William W., 1797, (2) Samuel J., (3) Elizabeth, (4) Charles, (5) Hannah, (6) Archibald, (7) Stephen P., a clergyman, (8) Sarah A., (9) Perley G. The number of Frederic Keyes' grandchildren is 32; great-grandchildren, 20; 4, Stephen, b. 1772, went West, m. Hannah Gregg, had a large family; 5, Perley, b. 1774, m. Lorinda White, moved to Watertown, N. Y., became a prominent man in Jefferson County. He successively held the office of Magistrate, Judge of the County Court, Sheriff, Collector of Customs at Sackett's Harbor, was twice State Senator, and once a member of the Council of Appointment. He wielded a strong political influence in Jefferson County, and when in the Legislature made his presence felt there. In a letter of Silas Wright, Jr., William L. Marcy, and others, to Martin Van Buren in 1830, recommending him for the office of Governor of the territory of Wisconsin, they speak of him as a "plain, unlearned man, with a sound, strong mind, and in the practical exercise of an unusual share of common sense." An apoplectic stroke prevented his applying for this office. He d. in 1834—ch., (1) Perley G., who has

one son, Richard G., a clergyman, (2) Cynthia, (3) Mariette; 6, Andrew, d. at Holland Purchase; 7, Miriam, b. 1777, m. John Mitchell (see Mitchell family); 8, Ephraim, b. 1781, left a large family; two sons, Daniel A. and Elias, reside in Union County, Ohio; 9, William, d. at Ogdensburg in the war of 1812—ch., (1) Solon; (2) Calista; 10, Sarah, m. Mr. Burnham, residence Rutland, N. Y.—ch., (1) Ambrose, (2) Harmon, (3) Sally; 11, John, b. 1790, m. first Ann Keyton—ch., (1) Frank, d. young, (2) Fielding, m. first Martha Mitchell (see Mitchell family)—ch., [1] Mathew P., m. Ellen Patterson, residence Sharon, Vt.—ch., Fielding, [2] George F., d. young, (2) Fielding, m. second Maria S. Whitaker—ch., [3] Martha M., (3) Lauriston, m. first Susannah Burgess, m. second Martha E. Hibbard,—ch., [1] William H., [2] John C., [3] M. Ella; (4) Philharna, m. Mr. Lothrop, residence West Roxbury, Mass.—ch., [1] John, d. young; (5) Nancy F., m. Enos P. Hoag of Lincoln, Vt.—ch., [1] Alonzo, d. young, [2] Amelia, m. Mr. Cushman—ch., one, (6) Fanny F., d. of spotted fever 1814; 11, John, m. second Lucia Hubbard—ch., (7) Frank H., residence Webster, Mass., (8) Caroline F., m. Mr. Heywood, residence Concord; 11, John, m. third Lucy Thornton. II., John, who gave a part of the common to the town, but probably never lived in Acworth. III., Jonas, b. 1748, rem. from Ashford, Ct., to Acworth with his second wife, Mehitable Wadkins, sister of Mrs. Abel Humphrey and Mrs. Charles Mathewson—ch., 1, Amasa, m. Catha Blood, s. in Unity—ch., (1) Mazelda, (2) Harland, (3) Larnard; 2, Sally, m. Nathan Oleutt, residence Unity—ch., (1) Olive, (2) Esther; 3, Mazelda, m. Sarah Foster (see Foster family)—ch., (1) Anson, d. young, (2) Theda, m. first Otis Field of Lempster—ch., [1] Sarah L., Theda m. second — McIntyre, (3) Mazelda, d. unm., (4) Linda, d. young, (5) Lima, m. Nathaniel B. Hull—ch., [1] Orison, [2] Lima, (6) Amasa, d. young, (7) Adna, m. Betsey Hilliard (see Hilliard family)—ch., [1] Adson D., [2] Sarah J., (8) Ephraim, m. Ruth Clement—ch., [1] Jenette, d. young, [2] Jenette, m. Richard Robinson, [3] Sarah J., m. — Clement, [4] Mary, [5] Ednah, [6] Emma, (9) Orison, m. L. A. McClure, residence Lempster (see McClure family)—ch., [1] Anson L., [2] Zenas K., d. young, [3] Annette E., [4] Martin L., [5] Frank E., [6] Charles W., d. young, [7] Nellie S., [8] Angie M., [9] Susan B., (10) Zama, m. Ebenezer Grout (see Grout family); 4, Anna, m. Rufus Blanchard, (see Blanchard family); 5, Phili, m. John Abbott—ch., (1) Emily, (2) Phili; 6, Esther, m. John Huntoon, s. in Unity—ch., (1) Abdolonymus, (2) Ruth; 7, Rex, m. Juditha Keyes (see Edward Keyes family); 8, Moses, d. young; 9, Moses, m. Asenath Dickey (see family of James Dickey 3d)—ch., (1) Hannah H., m. Dexter Way—ch., [1] Orpha E., m. Leonard Thompson, [2] Oscar, d. in army, (2) Frances J., m. Orrin Wood (see Wood family), (3) Mehitable W., m. Olivet S. Carey—ch., [1] Chester E., m. Emily L. Prouty, [2] Georgianna, m. Murray Dinsmore, M. D., [3] Frank C., (4) Mercey A., m. Albert E. Spaulding—ch., [1] Ellen M., m. Harry C. Kimball—ch., Sarah





*Samuel King*

F., Maurice G., (5) Graham, (6) Sumner, (7) Orpha, d. young; 10, Ada, m. Asa Howe (see Howe family); 11, Lima, m. William Boardman, residence Vershire, Vt.; 12, Eliza, m. Ambrose Alexander (see Alexander family); 13, Vine, m. Mary Taylor, residence Unity. IV., Edward, m. Patty Sawyer—ch., 1, Perley, residence Jefferson County, N. Y.; 2, Juditha, m. first Rex Keyes, m. second Mr. Barker of Crown Point, N. Y.; 3, Zela, m. Shuah Mason, residence Vermont; 4, Avis, m. John Ober, residence Crown Point, N. Y.; 5, Luthera, m. Amos Burge, residence Antwerp, N. Y.; 6, Almira, m. — Burge; 7, Edward, m. Elmina Abbott, residence Unity. V., Joseph, d. of measles contracted in the Revolutionary army. VI., Hannah, b. 1754, m. Mehuman Stebbins (see Stebbins family). They were the first couple married in town. VII., Henry. VIII., Frederic, b. 1758, m. Sarah Grout (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Frederic, d. young. IX., Amos, b. 1761, m. Polly Grout (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Harry, d. unm.; 2, Amos, d. 1868, m. Jane McClure (see McClure family)—ch., (1) Daniel, (2) George, (3) Samuel D.; 3, Ralph, m. Hannah Wilson, residence Unity—ch., (1) Amos, residence Boston, m. Martha Ginn, (2) Hiram, d. unm., (3) Laurette, m. Charles Train of Manchester, (4) Dean, m. Sarah —, residence Boston, (5) Mariette, d. unm., (6) Orson H., residence California, (7) Maria, m. — Burnham of Hillsboro Bridge, (8) Julia, m. Fred. Little of Antrim, (9) Arthur, residence California, (10) Louisa, m. John McQuestion of Manchester; 4, Betsey, m. Daniel Warner (see Warner family); 5, Mary, m. Joseph G. Silsby (see Silsby family); 6, Docia, m. Isaac Houston (see Houston family).

SAMUEL KING, Sen., m. Betsey Jones, came from Vernon, Ct., to Acworth before 1808, rem. to Langdon—ch., I., Roxanna, m. Robert Nesmith, residence Francestown (see Nesmith family). II., Hezekiah, m. Ann Wallace (see Wallace family), rem., to Ohio. III., Nancy, m. Moses Southard (see Southard family). IV., Betsey, m. Capt. James Wallace (see Wallace family). V., Polly, m. Abel Baldwin of Langdon. VI., Samuel, m. Sophia Egerton of Langdon—ch., 1, Alvah, d. unm.; 2, Mary J., m. John Garfield, s. in Fitchburg, Mass.—ch., (1) Estelle J., (2) Hermon; 3, Benjamin S., m. Susan Willard of Langdon—ch., (1) Sumner W., (2) Ella A., (3) Emma A., (4) Edward M.; 4, Samuel A., m. Sarah H. Lane, residence Cambridge, Mass.—ch., (1) Stella A., (2) Julia F.; 5, James E., m. Ellen Dinsmore of Alstead, s. in Ottawa, Province of Ontario—ch., (1) Emma E., (2) Clara E.; 6, Henry N., m. Hannah C. Ware of Alstead, residence Boston—ch., (1) Walter H., (2) Arthur J.; 7, Eliza A., m. Henry Wiley, residence Langdon; 8, John W., m. Pamela Goodale, residence Detroit, Mich., 9, Bathsheba S., m. John F. Dickey (see Dickey family); 10, Willard F., m. Mehitable Lewis, residence Marlow—ch., (1) Luetta M., (2) Lewis S.; 11, Solon S., m. first Josephine S. Hillman of Alstead, m. second Sarah J. Dickey (see Dickey family)—ch., (1) Samuel S.; 12, Emily A., m. Charles A. Holden, residence Langdon—ch., (1) Co-

rine E., (2) Charles C.; 13, Nancy, m. James A. Dickey (see Dickey family); 14, Rozene M., d. unm. VII., Clarissa, m. Samuel Egerton of Langdon. VIII., Ira, m. Harriet Wood of Langdon, rem. to Ohio.

GEORGE LAMB, son of John Lamb and Lucinda Kingsbury of Langdon, s. in Acworth, 1867, m. Almira Clark of Charlestown—ch., I., Arthur J.

*Henry Lancaster*, the ancestor of the family came from Lancashire, England, and settled at Bloody Point, Dover, N. H., in 1631. In 1643, he was one of the grand jury from Piscataqua. In 1652, he paid the highest tax on the Bloody Point list. In 1654, the town voted him all the meadows at Bloody Point, for services rendered the town. He died at the age of one hundred years. He was hale, and strong, and might have lived many years, but for a fall which occasioned his death. Second gen., JOSEPH, son of Henry, s. in Amesbury, Mass., m. first Mary —, —ch., *Joseph*, Mary, and Thomas, who was killed by the Indians in Hampton, 1703; JOSEPH m. second Hannah —, —ch., Samuel, Henry, and Hannah. Third gen., *Joseph*, son of Joseph, Sr., m. Elizabeth Hoyt, 1687—ch., Mary, Hannah, *John*, Daniel, Abraham, Ann, Micah. Fourth gen., *John*, son of Joseph, Jr., b. 1671, m. Mary Hoyt—ch., *Henry*, Timothy, Mary, Elizabeth, Miriam, Hannah, and Sarah. II. d. 1742. Fifth gen., *Henry*, son of John, b. 1718, m. first Dorothy Harvey, 1742—ch., John, Judith, Mary, Eunice, MOSES, Anna, Dorothy, MIRIAM, JOSHUA, and EBENEZER; m. second Judith Hadley, 1764, d. in Salem, 1790. MOSES LANCASTER, son of Henry, b. 1752, m. Ann Duncan, 1780, daughter of William and Jean Duncan, a relative of John Duncan (see Duncan family) who d. in 1804. Her sister Rachel Duncan d. in Acworth 1811—ch., I., Dorothy, m. Adam Duncan (see Duncan family). II., William, b. 1784, m. Fannie Davidson (see Davidson family) rem. to Cuba, N. Y.—ch., 1, Ann; 2, William; 3, Sarah, m. Stephen L. Davidson (see Davidson family); 4, Loammi; 5, Fanny, m. Ralph N. Wright—ch., (1) Josephine, (2) William R.; 6, Thomas, m. Mary J. Gurnee; 7, Corinna m. Morrison Gillett, 1851—ch., (1) George M.; 8, Daniel; 9, Harriet, m. Rev. Albert St. J. Chambre; 10, George, m. Melinda J. Stone, 1864—ch., (1) Fannie M., d. young, (2) Anna Pearle; 11, Maria. III., Harvey, b. 1789, m. Jennett Moore of Peterboro—ch., 1, Moses II.; 2, Margaret E.; 3, Ann J., m. Josiah White, Jr., of Charlestown—ch., (1) Grace L; MOSES m. second Mrs. Sarah (Barnet) Highlands, d. 1811. JOSHUA LANCASTER, b. 1760, m. Nancy Ewens (see Ewens family), d. of the spotted fever at Newport, 1812, while on his post route as mail carrier. EBENEZER LANCASTER, b. 1761, m. Elizabeth Davidson (see Davidson family), rem. to Acworth 1793—ch. I., John, b. 1793, m. Mary Lemist—ch., 1, Frank E.; 2, Clara T.; 3, Edward E. II., Lucy. III., Daniel, fitted for College, mostly with Rev. Phineas Cooke; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1821, taught an Academic school in that part of Boseawen now called Webster. Four of his pupils afterwards became ministers, and one a missionary to India, and six became ministers'





1840



wives. Graduated at Andover Theological Seminary, 1824; licensed to preach by Haverhill Association, 1824; ordained pastor of First Church in Gilmanton, 1825; 1827 and 1831 were years of special revival there, and about eighty were added to the church. In 1832, the church being divided into different branches, the pastoral relation was dissolved, and he became connected with the Center Congregational Church, where in six years one hundred and four were received into the church. For twelve years Mr. L. was Secretary of the New Hampshire Bible Society; nine years Scribe of Deerfield Association; seven years Secretary of Stafford Conference, six years its Moderator; three years each Secretary of Strafford Bible, Home Missionary, and Education Societies; and nine years Trustee of New Hampshire Missionary Society, and Trustee of Gilmanton Academy and Theological Seminary. His labors closed at Gilmanton, 1852. Subsequently he was one year Chaplain of New Hampshire Legislature; three years Chaplain to New Hampshire Insane Asylum; preached three years at Fishersville, and was at the same time Principal of a Young Ladies' School in Concord, and had charge of the New Hampshire Phenix, a weekly temperance paper; was five years pastor of Congregational Church, Middletown, Orange County, New York, from 1855; residence now New York city. Published works, "History of Gilmanton," "Funeral Sermon of Rev. Dr. Cogswell," &c.; m. first Ann E. Lemist—ch., 1, Mary E. G.; m. second Eliza G. Greeley—ch., 2, Ann E.; 3, Frances J.; 4, Daniel E.; 5, Helen. IV., Cynthia. V., Dorothy. VI., Cyrus, b. 1802, prepared for College at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; completed his course at Dartmouth College, 1827; became Principal of St. Johnsbury Academy. As an illustration of his studious habits in childhood, it is said of him that his Sabbath School teacher having heard him repeat verses from the Bible for one whole hour, asked him "How much more have you committed?" he replied, "I have repeated nearly half." The reward of merit was given him without hearing the remainder of the lesson. After spending several years at St. Johnsbury and at other places in teaching, he was invited by Mr. James Wilson (noticed in "Parker's History of Londonderry" as the inventor of Wilson's globes,) to assist him in revising and correcting the plates for the revised edition of his globes at Albany, N. Y. He continued with Mr. W. until his death, and then with a son of Mr. Wilson until his death, upon which he m. his widow, Mrs. Rebecca Wilson, and became to his children all that could be asked or expected of a devoted father. In 1852, he rem. to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he continued the globe business, engaging also in teaching, as he had done at Albany. He invented a "self-adjusting switch" for railroads, also a car ventilator fitted to exclude the dust. Died of diphtheria, in Brooklyn, aged sixty years. His standing as a scientific and literary man places his name high among the sons of Acworth. His only child, Sarah, d. unm. VII., Henry, m. first Mary A. Colby, m. second Louisa M. Kimball—ch., 1, Charles H., d. young; 2, Anna M., d. young; 3, Charles;

4, Mary. VIII., Sarah. MIRIAM, b. 1758, m. first Edmund Blood (see Blood family), m. second ——— Fulton of Dunbarton, where she died.

GEORGE W. LATHROP, native of Claremont, m. Hannah Littlefield, s. in Acworth 1866—ch., I., Eva L. II., George S., d. unm. III., Abbie H. IV., Oscar G.

CHARLES LAWTON (see Howe family) m. Azubah Smith (see Kimball Smith family), s. in Acworth 1850.

GEORGE W. LEIGHTON m. Leonora Kemp (see Kemp family), s. in Acworth, 1863—ch., I., H. Arthur.

LEMUEL LINCOLN, b. in Hingham, Mass., 1767, m. Mehitabel Fisher, sister of Mrs. Alexander Grout, 1795, s. in Acworth about 1794. He put down the first tannery in town, in the corner of lot 12, range 6, in 1794. He was upright in his dealings, firm in purpose, shrewd in judgment, and genial in disposition—ch., I., Irene, d. unm. II., Charlotte, m. Elijah Spaulding of Lempster—ch., 1, Emily I., m. Calvin Wallace (see Wallace family); 2, Mary, d. unm. III., Nathan, d. unm. IV., Harvey, m. first Laura A. Damon, rem. to Boston—ch., 1, Sarah, d. young; 2, Harvey L., m. ———, residence Stockton, Cal.; 3, Helen, m. Charles Kimball; Harvey m. second Lydia Wing—ch., 4, Laura; 5, Ezra. V., Amasa, m. Laurinda Moore (see Moore family), is a deacon in the Congregational Church—ch., 1, Harvey, m. Arabella Smith (see Kimball Smith family); 2, Henrietta, m. J. F. D. Murdough (see Murdough family); 3, Juliette A., m. James M. Davis (see James M. Davis family); 4, Mary M. VI., Emily, d. unm. VII., Sarah F., m. William Prentiss (see Prentiss family). VIII., Marden W., d. young.

*Darius Liscomb* m. Olive Slader (see Slader family) s. in Hartland, Vt., when it was a wilderness—ch., I., Oren, m. Sarah Davidson—ch., 1, Marcia, m. Carleton Eastman of Hartland; 2, Lucia, (twin with Marcia) residence Laconia; 3, Paul D., m. Susanna D. Appleton, residence Pittsburg, Pa.—ch., six, grandchildren two; 4, Almond, m. first Mrs. D. Liscomb, m. second Alice Henderson—ch., three; 5, Belinda, m. David Knowlton—ch., (1) Caroline B., (2) Lucy E., d. unm., (3) Olive O., d. unm; (4) Sarah D., (5) Parker D.; 6, Olive, m. John C. Riley of Hartford, Vt.—ch., (1) Louisa, d. young, (2) Freddie, (3) Jasper F.; 7, Silas J., m. Lucinda W. Clothier of Pittsburg, Pa.—ch., (1) Sarah E., (2) William O., (3) Anna; 8, Lorenzo, d. young; 9, Jasper, d. young. II., Harvey, m. Florinda Silsby (see Silsby family), s. in Acworth 1805—ch., 1, Louisa R., d. unm.; 2, Aurilla L., m. first Nathan W. Wood, m. second Asa Locke of Langdon; 3, Harvey S., d. young; 4, Olive S., d. young; 5, Florinda, m. George O. Webb of Weathersfield, Vt.—ch., (1) Lucius C., m. Susan M. Newton, residence Lowell, (2) Loren M., (3) George S.; 6, Esther A., m. Charles L. Tibbils, residence Claremont—ch., (1) and (2) twins, Florence H., Eugene E.; 7, Mariette L., m. James D. Danforth of Weathersfield, Vt.—ch., (1) Eleanor, m. Elijah Norcross of Claremont. III., Mary, m. Daniel



*Samuel Lincoln,*



Knowlton of Hartland, Vt. IV., Mercy, m. first Chester Nye (see Nye family) m. second — Luce. V., Olive m. David Morrison of Langdon—ch., 1, Philinda, d. young; 2, Mary E., m. first William W. Wallace (see James Wallace family)—ch., (1) Henry, (2) Emma; Mary E., m. second John M. Currier—ch., (3) John M.; 3, Rebecca, m. William Nourse (see Nourse family). VI., Philinda, m. John Robb (see Robb family). VII., Lucinda, m. William Ashley—ch., 1, Clarissa, m. Benjamin Smith—ch., (1) Francis E.; (2) Henry A., d. a prisoner of war in Richmond, Va.; (3) Mary E.; (4) William S.; (5) Albert B.; (6) Herbert E.; 2, William A., b. 1820, m. Harriet Moore—ch., (1) Susan E., d. young; (2) Adelaide H.; (3) Albert M., d. young; (4) Frederic M., d. young; (5) William; 3, Elizabeth, m. Charles Thompson—ch., (1) Charles E., d. young; (2) Ella L. VIII., John L., m. Jane Robb (see Robb family)—ch., 1, Martha M., m. Joseph Simpson, residence East Boston—ch., (1) Estelle; (2) Jennie O.; (3) Ida F.; 2, Harvey M., m. Diana Pearsons, residence Proctorsville, Vt.—ch., (1) Harvey M.; 3, Mary J. d. unm.; 4, Margaret, a teacher in Lisbon, Ill.; 5, Emily E., d. young. IX., Betsey, m. James Armstrong in Acworth, residence Bradford—ch., 1, Anna E.; 2, James. X., Darius P., m. Ann Clement, d. in Castleton, Vt.—ch., 1, William, residence West Rutland, Vt.; 2, Elizabeth, m. George Spenser of West Rutland, Vt.; 3, Charles, m. —, d. at Castleton, 1859; 4, James, residence Cleveland, Ohio; 5, Orlando; 6, Abbie, residence Rutland.

AMOS J. LOCKE, a native of Sullivan, m. Clementina Stoughton, s. in Acworth 1823—ch., I., Clementina M., graduated at Mount Holyoke, taught at St. Charles, Mo., m. Rev. William Porter of St. Francisville, Mo.—ch., 1, Calvin S.; 2, Mary. II., Calvin, b. 1829, graduated at Amherst College in 1849, taking a first class oration at commencement, though the youngest of his class receiving a degree; graduated at the Divinity school of Harvard University, ordained as pastor of the Unitarian Society at West Dedham, 1854, resigned this charge in 1864, became principal of a select school, and in connection with that, has charge of the Unitarian Society at Dover, Mass., m. Annie Lincoln, daughter of James Lincoln of Northboro, Mass.—ch., 1, Harriet P. R.; 2, William W.; 3, Henry L.

FREDERIC LOCKE was a native of Westboro, Mass. His father was an officer in the French war, and joined the British army at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. FREDERIC, though fitted for college, gave up the advantage of a college education, and joined the Continental army, and met his father in the opposing army, at the battle of Staten Island. He was a civil engineer and surveyor, s. in Acworth 1793, m. first Anna Farwell—ch., I., Henry, m. Artemisia Westcott—ch., 1, Caroline, m. Ashbel M. Perry—ch., (1) Jane E. II., Melinda, m. Horace Frost of Charlestown—ch., 1, Henry; 2, Edwin; 3, Maria; 4, James; 5, Lewis, d. young; 6, Lewis. FREDERIC rem. to Charlestown, m. second, Lucy Graves, by whom he had ten children.

SAMUEL LUFKIN was of the fifth gen. in this country: great-great-grandfather, Samuel came from England and s. in Groton, Mass., about 1670; great-grandfather John, grandfather Samuel, father *Samuel*; m. Sarah Livingston and s. in Acworth, 1795, d. 1838,—ch., I., Samuel, m. Eleanor Johnston. II., Cyrus, m. Mary Mathewson (see Mathewson family)—ch., 1, Roxy, m. T. M. P. Sleeper; 2, Caltha G., m. Mark Colburn; 3, Almon, m. Elvira Cilley. III., Ezra, m. Lovira Mathewson—ch., 1, Norman; 2, Norris; 3, Charles M., m. Sarah F. Davis (see Thomas Davis' family). IV., Mary, m. Amasa Mathewson (see Mathewson family). V., Sarah, m. Origen Bingham, residence Coldwater, Mich.—ch., 1, William E., m. Betsey L. Davis; 2, George; 3, Origen, m. Phebe Worden; 4, Sarah J., m. Eugene Cassady; 5, Charles, m. Naomi Adams. VI., Hannah, m. Eliphas Alvord. VII., Cena, m. Eliphalet Reynolds. VIII., Davis, m. Elizabeth Heywood—ch., 1, Charles; 2, Leander N. IX., Roxina, d. unm. X., Parker, d. unm. XI., Mehitable, m. Franklin Wheeler. XII., Varnum, m. Berantha C. Chase.

*James Lyons*, with Robert McClure, was the first settler of Hillsboro; he was the father of WILLIAM, MARGARET, and MOLLY LYONS; WILLIAM, m. Martha McClure (see McClure family), s. in Acworth—ch., I., Margaret, d. unm. II., James, d. unm. III., Mary, d. unm. IV., Thomas was in the war of 1812. V., Betsey, m. Jesse Wallace (see Wallace family). VI., Patty, d. unm.; MOLLY, m. Dea. Robert McClure; MARGARET, m. John McClure (see McClure family).

SAMUEL E. MANN, b. 1828, in Alstead, m. Betsey M. Hosley of Lempster, 1853, s. in Acworth 1858—ch., I., David A., b. 1853. II., Louisa M. III., Osmyn E. IV., Mary E., b. 1864.

GEORGE MARCH of Londonderry, s. in Acworth in 1809, m. Hannah Nelson—ch., I., George. II., John. III., Hannah N. IV., Aaron N. V., Milton. VI., Mary N. VII., Daniel. VIII., Betsey D. IX., Abigail W. X., Moses N. XI., Jonathan N. XII., George D.

WILLIAM and JOSEPH MARKHAM s. in Acworth about 1773. William Markham was quite a prominent man in town. During the Revolutionary war he served on the committee of safety, chosen by the town, and occupied other positions of trust. The following children of William Markham were baptized in 1777: I., William. II., Huldah. III., Olive. IV., Lettice, m. Ransom Smith (see Samuel Smith family). V., David. VI., John. VII., Sarah. Joseph Markham, m. Mehitable Spencer—ch., as recorded on the town records, I., Joseph. II., Seth, m. Sally ————ch., 1, Joseph A.; 2, Mary M.; 3, Learned F.; 4, Elizabeth; 5, John S.; 6, Mehitable S. III., Zilpha. IV., Sallie. V., Elizabeth. VI., Lucy, m. Jadhun Waldo (see Waldo family). VII., Esther. Mary Markham who m. James Rogers (see Rogers family) was an older child of Joseph M. than any recorded on the town records.

PAUL MASON, b. in Medford, Mass., 1761, m. Elizabeth Priest, b. in



Bolton, 1765, s. in Aeworth 1794, d. 1824, wife d. 1852—ch., I., Paul, b. 1786, d. 1822, m. Anna Prentiss—ch., 1, Margaret M., m. Erastus Foster—ch., (1) Paul M., b. 1837, (2) Allen P., (3) Wilbur, (4) Charles W., (5) Edwin E., (6) Abbie A., (7) Ida L.; 2, William P., m. Lestina Hills—ch., (1) Paul W., m. Lucy Twiss, (2) Annette M., d. unm.; 3, Eliza P., d. unm.; 4, Anna M., d. young. II., Betsey, m. Alpheus Messer—ch., 1, Nathaniel, m. Sylvia Booth—ch., (1) Charlie, (2) Marinda; 2, Lucinda, m. Charles Townsend—ch., (1) Eliza; 3, Lorin, m. Elizabeth Walker—ch., (1) Ellen, m. Lorenzo Whittemore—ch., two d. young; (2) George, m. Etta Lewis—ch., one; (3) Granville, (4) Mary Jane, (5) Charlie, d. young. III., Sally, m. Daniel Howard—ch., 1, Hannah E., m. Lewis Gay—ch., (1) Sarah, (2) Martha, (3) Eva, (4) Sumner; 2, Eliza E., m. F. A. Howard. IV., Martin, m. Matilda Brigham (see Brigham family). V., Horace, m. Nancy Brown (see Brown family)—ch., 1, Mary, d. young; 2, Marinda B., m. R. D. Silsby (see Silsby family).

CHARLES MATHEWSON, m. Rebecca Wadkins, sister of Mrs. Jonas Keyes and Mrs. Abel Humphrey, s. in Aeworth, 1787—ch., I., Ira, m. Polly Spofford—ch., 1, Albert; 2, Elbridge; 3, Oscar; 4, Otis; 5, Loraine, residence Ludlow, Vt. II., Nancy m. Josiah Moody, residence Unity—ch., 1, Sally. III., Elizabeth, m. Asa Walker, residence Barnard, Vt. (see Walker family). IV., Charles, m. Anna Gilman, residence Michigan—ch., 1, James; 2, Granville; 3, Charles; 4, Algernon; 5, Benjamin; 6, Nancy; 7, Julianna; 8, Dianthe; 9, Rebecca; 10, Ellen. V., Amasa, m. Mary Lufkin, residence Bristol, Vt.—ch., 1, Chastina; 2, Lucina; 3, Sultana; 4, Rosetta; 5, Daniel. VI., Mary, m. Cyrus Lufkin (see Lufkin family). VII., Asa, m. Nancy Mathewson, residence Mich.—ch., VIII., Louisa, m. Ezra Lufkin (see Lufkin family). IX., Horace, m. Dolly Chellis, residence Goshen—ch., 1, Charles, m. Clarissa Huntley—ch., (1) Iona, (2) Helen, (3) Charles; 2, Charlotte, m. Nathan Huntley—ch., (1) Austin; 3, Ann, m. Albert Straw, s. in Aeworth 1856—ch., (1) Ellen J.; 4, Alonzo, m. Mary R. Gleason (see Gleason family), s. in Aeworth—ch., (1) Edwin A., (2) Charles C., (3) Henry G., (4) Mattie L.; 5, Louisa, m. Alonzo Spaulding—ch., (1) Clarence, (2) Ada, (3) Hattie; 6, Mary, d. unm.; 7, Helen, m. Burke Booth. X., Noah, residence Ohio. XI., Otis—ch., 1, Mary S., m. Edwin Gove; 2, Catherine, m. Moses Clay; 3, Elvira, m. John M. Hobart; 4, J. Otis; 5, Joanna; 6, Rebecca.

BELA MATHEWS, native of Bristol, Ct., m. Susan Oreutt (see Oreutt family), s. in Aeworth, 1818, rem. to St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1826—ch., I., William B., m. Lodoskia Farnham—ch., 1, Edgar, d. in United States service; 2, Egbert, d. from injuries received in United States service; 3, Milo S., m. Florence Turner, residence Monroe. II., George P., m. Lucinda Spaulding—ch., 1, Horace P., m. Amanda Young; 2, Heman, m. Calista Adams; 3, Zulima A., m. George B. Davidson of Peacham, Vt.—ch., (1) —; 4, Reuben B., m. Mary Hodgman, residence Fitchburg,

Mass. III., Elbridge P., m. Martha Parker, residence Troy, Vt.—ch., 1, Ellen, m. Henry Sumner, residence Troy—ch., (1) Minnie A. ; 2, John, residence St. Johnsbury, Vt. ; 3, Edward, in United States navy ; 4, Eliza. IV., Luther C., m. Elizabeth B. Locke, residence East St. Johnsbury, Vt.—ch., 1, Catherine O. V., Nahum O., m. Sarah Lyman of New York City, residence St. Johnsbury—ch., 1, Emma ; 2, Inise.

ISSACHAR MAYO came from Harwich, Mass., to Acworth, 1788, m. Deborah Goold—ch., I., Edmund, d. young. II., Phebe, m. Samuel Houston (see Houston family). III., Issachar, m. Mindwell Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., 1, Theron, m. Betsey Stanley ; 2, Watson G., m. Elizabeth Cambridge ; 3, Sarah G., m. first Higbee Sargent (see Sargent family), m. second Luke Smith (see Smith family) ; 4, Mary R., m. Samuel F. Symonds (see Symonds family), m. second Phineas Pettingill ; 5, Mindwell, m. George Pigot of Boston—ch., (1) Mary, (2) George ; 6, Harriet, m. Healy Walker of Unity ; 7, John F., m. Mary Ray, residence East Boston—ch., (1) Annie, (2) Fredie, (3) Earnest. IV., Barnabas, m. Margaret Prentiss (see Prentiss family), residence Mooretown, Vt.—ch., 1, Elizabeth ; 2, Deborah ; 3, Lucy ; 4, Emily ; 5, Margaret ; 6, Philinda ; 7, Barnabas, m. Jane McClure (see McClure family) ; 8 Maria. V., Benjamin, m. first Polly Ransom—ch., 1, Benjamin G. ; 2, Thomas R. ; 3, Margaret ; 4, Angeline. Benjamin, m. second Pamela Reed—ch., 5, William L. ; 6, Frederie. VI., Lucy, m. Willard Thorndike, residence Claremont—ch., 1, Asa ; 2, Sarah ; 3, Harriet ; 4, John ; 5, Lucretia ; 6, Lucy A. ; 7, Orissa ; 8, Emily ; 9, Jane. VII., Solomon. VIII., Hannah, m. Calvin Williams (see Williams family). IX., Edmund, d. young. X., Elisha, m. Abigail Breed of Unity—ch., 1, Philinda, m. Ashley Jones of Marlow—ch., (1) Georgiana, (2) Abbie, (3) John, (4) Frank ; 2, Joel T., m. Mary Banks of Alstead—ch., (1) George ; 3, Charlotte, m. Dexter Morrison of Alstead—ch., (1) Elisha, (2) Charlotte, (3) Hattie, (4) Willie ; 4, William G. ; 5, George W. XI., John G., residence Dover, Me., m. Joan Bacon—ch., 1, Josiah B. ; 2, John G. ; 3, Mary E.

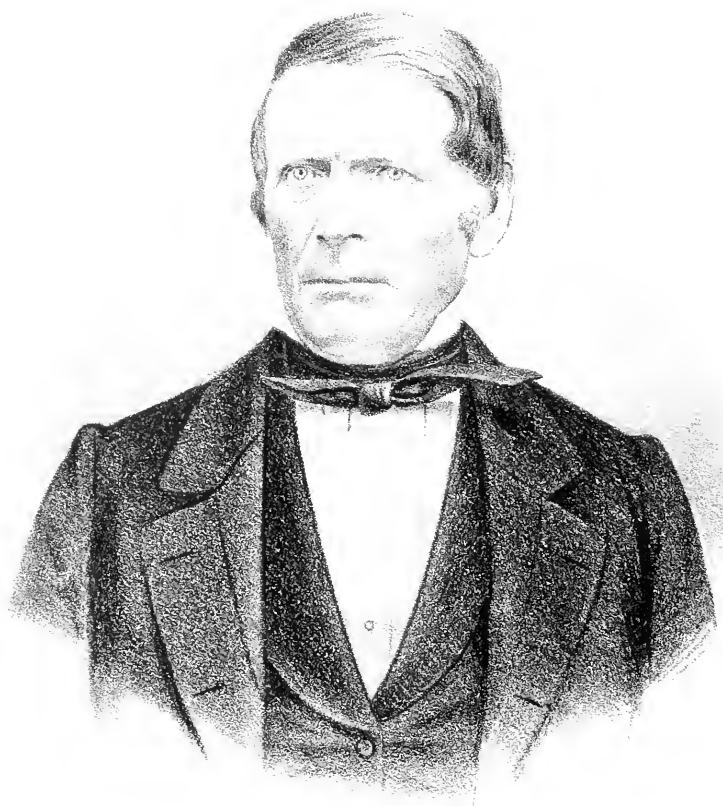
ROBERT MCCLURE, son of Richard, was b. in Ireland, 1718. Came to America when nine years old. With JAMES LYONS and one other person, made the first settlement in Hillsboro, 1741. But they abandoned this settlement in 1744, because of the Indians when the Cape Breton war broke out. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being nearly sixty when he enlisted. In 1785 he joined his sons in Acworth. He was a stalwart man, and retained his physical vigor almost to the last, and was always punctual in his pew in the meeting-house, d. aged 99, m. Martha Rogers, sister of Lieut. John Rogers—ch., I., James, b. in Boston, where his father first lived, served two years in the Revolutionary army, m. Mary Nesmith of Londonderry, s. in Acworth, 1777. After his nine ch. were b. rem. to Charlestown, and afterwards to Waldo, Me., d. aged 87—ch., 1, Mary M., m. Isaac Nesmith (see Nesmith family) ; 2, Martha R., m. Salathiel Nickerson—ch., six ; 3, James N., m. first Philena Lovell—ch., one, m. second Susan Kenny—ch.,



*John G. Mayo*







William McLure

nine ; 4, Sarah, m. John Brown—ch., twelve ; 5, Robert, m. Ruth Thomas—ch., nine ; 6, John, m. Harriet Whitney—ch., ten ; 7, Thomas, m. Betsey Armour—ch., four ; 8, Margaret, m. Moses Varney—ch., five ; 9, Eliza, m. first Thomas McClure—ch., one, m. second James Cochrane—ch., eight. II., Robert, was a Revolutionary soldier, and also a deacon of the Congregational Church, m. first Molly Lyons, m. second Martha Anderson, cousin of Samuel Anderson 1st—ch., 1, Samuel, m. Anna Nurse—ch., (1) Milton C., graduated at Dartmouth College in 1846, taking a high rank in his class. Taught the Claremont Academy two years, admitted to the bar, 1849 ; practiced law in Claremont until his death in 1860. He was an exact and thorough scholar. "His accurate knowledge of law always commanded the attention of the court, while his uniform courtesy won for him the esteem and confidence of his professional brethren." In 1855-6 he was a member of the Governor's Council ; in 1857-8 a representative from Claremont to the State legislature, (2) Nancy J., (3) Orinda A., m. Martin Peck ; 2, Polly, m. Henry R. Gray of Unity—ch., (1) Martha A., m. Robert Bailey—ch., [1] Nathan A., [2] Herbert G., (2) Henry, m. Sophia Nichols—ch., [1] Emily F., (3) Mary L., m. Orville Slader (see Slader family) ; 3, Jane, m. Amos Keyes (see Keyes family) ; 4, Mindwell, m. Hiram Gilmore (see Gilmore family) ; 5, Daniel, m. Linda Parks (see Parks family), rem. to Unity—ch., (1) Mindwell, m. Nathaniel Draper, (2) Daniel, d. young, (3) Mary A., d. unm., (4) Daniel E., d. unm. III., Thomas, m. first Isabel Dickey (see Dickey family)—ch., 1, Martha, m. Adam Wallace (see Wallace family) ; 2, Thomas, m. Elizabeth McClure. III., Thomas, m. second Rachel Duncan, cousin of Col. J. Duncan—ch., 3 John, d. unm. ; 4 and 5, twins, Isabel and Sallie, d. unm. ; 6, Hannah, d. unm. ; 7, Henry, m. first Lydia Brigham (see Brigham family), rem. to Mooretown, Vt., m. second Polly Turner, m. third Betsey Smith of Unity—ch., (1) Mindwell, (2) Jane, m. Barnabas Mayo (see Mayo family), (3) Mary ; 8, Polly, d. unm. ; 9, Cyrus, d. unm. ; 10, William, d. young. IV., Peggy, d. unm. V., Martha, m. William Lyons (see Lyons family). VI., Mary, m. Dea. James Nesmith (see Nesmith family). VII., John, m. Margaret Lyons (see Lyons family)—ch., 1, James, d. unm. ; 2, Robert, m. Polly Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., (1) Martha M., m. Rufus Hilliard (see Hilliard family), (2) Lydia K., m. Nathaniel Howe (see Howe family), (3) Lucian A., m. Orison Keyes (see Keyes family), (4) Rufus L., m. Lucy Ball (see Ball family), (5) Judith S., d. unm. ; 3, William, was deacon in Congregational Church, m. Lucy Nurse, daughter of Mrs. Anna (Nurse) Campbell (see Campbell family). He was an energetic, enterprising and public-spirited citizen, promoting by his means and influence whatever concerned the material, moral or religious prosperity of the community. He is also spoken of as a kind and obliging neighbor. He left a permanent testimonial of his affection toward the church, of which he was a prominent member and officer, by a legacy of a thousand dollars ; 4, Anna, d. unm. ;

5, Esther, d. unm.; 6, Rufus, d. unm.; 7, Betsey, d. unm.; 8, Patty, d. unm.

ARCHIBALD and ALEXANDER McCOLLOM, who s. in Aeworth about 1793, were sons of Robert McCollom of Londonderry, and grandsons of Alexander McCollom who emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, 1730. His father is said to have paid twenty-five cents for the head of a cat in the extremity of his hunger in the siege of Londonderry. ARCHIBALD, m. Rebecca Alexander—ch., I., William, who received an education and became a teacher in Pennsylvania. II., Jane, d. III., Martha, d. IV., James A. V., Robert, d. VI., Isaac, d. unm. VII., Anna. VIII., Rebecca. *Alexander*, m. Jane Anderson—ch., five, four d. young and one was drowned in the Connecticut River, aged 25.

SAMUEL McDUFFEE, native of Bradford, s. in Aeworth, 1845, m. Emily E. Way—ch., I., Samuel V., studied at Amherst College, while a junior enlisted in the United States Signal Corps, studied at Princeton and Bangor Theological Seminaries, licensed to preach 1868, m. Mary Patterson. II., Emily M., d. unm. III., Lucy, m. H. Everett McDuffee of Bradford, Vt.—ch., 1, Frank; 2, Martha A. IV., George M., m. Ellen M. Lewis, residence Keene—ch., 1, Emma M.; 2, Cora E. V., Martha J., m. George B. Field (see Field family). VI., Charles O., residence Lempster. VII., Louisa E.

The ancestor of the McKEENS was *James* who lived in the North of Ireland. He was a staunch Protestant and took an active part in the defense of Londonderry. He had three sons *James*, *John* and *William*; *William* emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1728; several of his descendants have been distinguished in that State. *James* emigrated to Londonderry, N. H., 1718, was the father of twenty-one children and has a numerous posterity living at the present time. The widow of *John* emigrated with *James* to Londonderry, bringing three sons, *James*, *Robert* and *Samuel*, and one daughter *Mary*. *Samuel*, s. in Amherst, N. H., was the father of ten children, four daughters *Mary*, *Martha*, *Agnes* and *Jane*, six sons, of whom *Hugh*, *John* and *Robert* were soldiers in the Indian wars, and were killed by the Indians. *John* was taken prisoner at Fort William Henry, and was burned to death, his flesh being stuck full of pitch-pine skewers. *Robert* became a captain of "high renown," was killed at the battle of Wyoming. The other sons were *James*, *Samuel* and *William*. SAMUEL, m. a daughter of Hugh Graham, lived some time in Amherst, afterwards in Windham, and then at Belfast, where he was deacon of the church. He d. with his sons in Aeworth. Two of his sons, HUGH and JONAS, s. in Aeworth about 1784. HUGH, m. first — Danford—ch., I., Samuel, m. Polly Clark (see Ephraim Clark family). II., Hugh, m. Hannah —, rem. to Lyndeborough. III., D. Danford, m. Lydia Page—ch., 1, David D.; 2, Daniel P.; 3, Isaac; 4, Hugh. HUGH, m. second Mary Gregg (see Gregg family)—ch., IV., William, d. young. V., J. Calvin, m. Mindwell Grout (see Grout family), residence Genesee,



N. Y.—ch., 1, John C.; 2, Mary; 3, William G.; 4, Rebecca. VI., Solomon, m. Susanah Osgood (see Osgood family), rem. to New York. VII., Mary, m. Pelatiah Clark. VIII., Joanna, m. Ditton Campbell of New York State. IX., William. JOHN McKEEN, m. first Mary Gregg—ch., I., Samuel, d. young. II., John, m. Fanny True, rem. to New York. III., Hugh, rem. to New York, m. Anna Howe. IV., Betsey, m. John G. McKeen, rem. to New York. V., Polly, d. unm. JOHN, m. second Martha Dunn—ch., VI., Samuel, m. Polly Brigham (see Brigham family)—ch., 1, Mary, m. first Lewis O. Beckwith—ch., (1) Henry O., d. young, m. second Henry E. Stickney—ch., (2) Augustine, (3) Albert, (4) Mary, (5) Charles, and two others; 2, Samuel, m. Clarissa Spencer—ch., (1) Martha E.; 3, John, m. Sarah A. Brown—ch., (1) John, (2) Lyman, (3) Dean W., (4) Annie; 4, Lydia, m. Freeland Hemphill (see Hemphill family); 5, Martha E., m. first Charles Ward of Wayland, Mass.—ch., (1) Etta W., m. second James H. Way of Lempster, (2) Emma W.; 6, J. Leavitt, m. Jennette L. George (see George family); 7, Cathrine S., m. George F. Youngman—ch., (1) Etta.

JAMES McLAUGHLIN, s. in Acworth, 1798—ch., I., James. II., Margaret, III., Sarah. IV., Rachel. V., Thomas. VI., William. VIII., Barbara.

JOHN McMURPHY, was the grandson of John McMurphy, who came from Londonderry, Ireland, to Londonderry, N. H., in 1719, and became one of the leading men of the colony. JOHN, b. 1756, in Londonderry, s. in Acworth, 1784, d. 1814, m. Sarah Grimes of Chester—ch., I., William, m. Lucy Shumway of Charlestown, rem. to Alstead, d. 1839. II., Alexander, m. ——— of Alstead, d. 1865, in Alstead. III., John, m. Kezia Garfield of Langdon, d. 1858, in Alstead. IV., Betsey, m. Jesse Williams, rem. to New York—ch., 1, Philinda; 2, Sally; 3, ———; 4, George. V., Sarah, d. young. VI., David, m. Mary Goss of Dummerston, rem. to Boston. VII., George, m. Polly Maynard, rem. to Claremont. VIII., Polly, m. Wailes Jewett of Langdon.

NATHANIEL MERRILL, b. in Salem, 1765, m. Lydia Fields, s. in Acworth, 1789, d. aged 84—ch., I., Woodbury, b. 1787, m. first Sally Brackway—ch., 1, Martin, d. young; 2, Lydia, m. first Nathaniel P. Collins; m. second, John S. Collins—ch., (1) John P., d. in army, (2) Louisa H. I., Woodbury, m. second Sarah Warner, rem. to New York—ch., 3, Nathaniel, d. young; 4, Elizabeth; 5, Mary, m. Solomen Fones. II., Betsey, m. Jedediah Sabine of Lempster—ch., 1, Mary, m. Phineas Pettengill (see Pettengill family), 2, John, m. Caroline Way; 3, Emeline, d. unm. III., Polly, d. unm. IV., Philena, d. unm. V., Irene, m. Jesse Dow of New London—ch., I., Philena, m. John D. Hemphill—ch., (1) Sarah J., (2) Irene W., (3) Aurora. VI., Nathaniel, b. 1802, m. Hannah S. Collins of Springfield—ch., 1, Alice R., m. George M. Peck (see Peck family); 2, Hannah R., m. Milo H. Newton (see Newton family); 3, Emeline S., m. Merrill Robie; 4, Nathaniel P., m. Emavine King, rem. to Iowa; 5, Sarah J., m. Manly W. Gassett; 6, Helen M.; 7, William E.

JOSEPH P. METCALF, native Croydon, m. Lucy Gould, s. in Acworth, 1857—ch., I., Henry H., studied law with Edmund Burke, graduated at law school, Ann Arbor, Mich., admitted to the bar, 1855, now the assistant editor of "The People" newspaper in Concord. II., Ella Z. III., Alice G. IV., Frank M. V., Clifton C. VI., Carlos G.

JAMES MILLER came from Westboro, Mass., to Acworth, 1780, m. Mercy Livermore—ch., I., Josiah, m. Mrs. Nichols of Walpole. II., Anna, d. unm. III., Thankful, m. David Adams of Orange, Vt.—ch., 1, Stephen; 2, David. IV., Daniel, m. Miss Southwick of N. Y. V., James, d. unm. VI. and VII., twins, Moses and Mercy, who d. unm. VI., Moses, m. Sarah Drury of Alstead, residence New York—ch., 1, Stephen, m. Lucy Sone of Alstead—ch., (1) Alonzo W., (2) S. Harrison, (3) L. Ada; 2, James, m. first Pamela Whitney, residence East Randolph, Vt.—ch., (1) Joseph E.; James m. second Susan Robins—ch., (2) Frank E. D.; 3, Lucinda, m. F. Drake of Marlow; 4, Harvey, m. Huldah B. Hayward, residence Langdon (see Haywood family)—ch., (1) James L., (2) Clara A., (3) Thomas D.; 5, Moses; 6, Sarah A., m. William A. Newell of Northfield, Mass., residence New York—ch., (1) Edgar A., (2) Henry C., (3) Albert A., (4) William M.; 7, Amanda, m. Liberty R. Hardy (see Hardy family). VIII. and IX., twins, Levi and Lucy; Lucy, d. unm. VIII., Levi, m. Susanna Cheever, residence Alstead—ch., 1, Theda; 2, Elisha. X., Betsey, m. Benjamin Wheeler of Alstead. XI., Phebe, m. first Moses Cheever of Alstead—ch., 1, Eliza; 2, Sophia; 3, Anna; Phebe m. second Abel Fletcher—ch., 4, George; m. third Nathan Howard—ch., 5, James. XII., Esther, d. unm. XIII., Polly, m. Wyman Cheever of Alstead—ch., 1, William, m. Julia Emerson of Alstead; 2, Maria M., m. Harvey Washburne. XIV., XV. and XVI., d. young.

EZRA MINOR m. first Docia Butterfield (see Butterfield family), s. in Acworth, afterward rem. to Walpole—ch., I., Alonzo; m. second Mary Clark (see Clark family).

Thomas and Mary Mitchell emigrated from Ireland—ch., Jane, m. ——— Hoag of Amherst; WILLIAM; *John*; *Thomas*; and *Mary*, b. on the ocean, m. James Bridges, was the mother of Mrs. Samuel Slader (see Slader family). Second gen., *Thomas*, m. ————ch., JENNIE; THOMAS; NANCY. Second gen., *John*, m. Mary Hilands—ch., THOMAS; BETSEY; OLIVER; *Jane*; *Margaret*. Second gen., WILLIAM, m. Martha Wallace (see James Wallace family), s. in Acworth, 1777—ch., I, John, m. Miriam Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., 1, Nancy, m. Benjamin Alexander (see Alexander family); 2, Perley, m. Phebe Lewis, residence Parke Co., Ind.—ch., (1) Calista, m. Nathan Davis, s. in Indiana. (2) William, (3) Miriam, (4) Nancy, d. unm., (5) Charles, (6) George, (7) Andrew, (8) Marcia, (9) Sallie; 3, Sallie, m. Merrill Coburn, res. Watertown, N. Y.—ch., (1) Miriam, m. Charles Follansbee, s. in Chicago, Ill., (2) Louisa, m. Mark B. Clancy, (3) William, m. Margaret Middleton, s. in Watertown, N. Y., (4) Marcia, m.



*Penley Mitchell*



William Rice, residence Chicago; 4, Asenath, m. Joseph Blanchard (see Blanchard family); 5, William, m. Polly Briggs, s. in Lincoln, Vt.—ch., (1) Nelson, d. young, (2) Gardiner, m. Alma C. Johnson, s. in Berlin, Vt.—ch., [1] Willie, [2] Frank, [3] Myra A., (3) Miriam K., m. George Lewis, residence Montpelier—ch., [1] Ida May; 6, John, residence Western Indiana; 7, Andrew, m. Laura Smith, residence Lincoln—ch., (1) d. young, (2) Cordelia, d. young, (3) Almira, m. Thomas Mitchell, s. in Milwaukee, Wis.—ch., [1] Andrew, (4) Sarah M., (5) Laura L., m. Thomas Mitchell, residence Milwaukee; 8, Almond, d. unm.; 9, Stephen, d. young; 10, Ephraim, d. young; 11, Franklin, m. Hannah Poor, residence Wilmington, Ill.—ch., (1) William C., (2) Charles F., d. unm., (3) Miriam A., m. William H. Vaughn, residence Wilmington, (4) Caroline P., m. Thomas Linton, residence Wilmington; 12, Frederie, m. Rebecca Pearson, residence Parke County, Ind.—ch., (1) Allen, m. ——— Stone, s. in Iowa, (2) Mary, m. ——— Kelly, s. in Iowa; 13, Miriam, m. Wooster Downer, s. in Sharon, Vt. II., ———. III., Jennie, m. John Kimball—ch., 1, Betsey; 2, Jennie; 3, John; all d. young. IV., Jonathan, m. Nancy Mitchell, daughter of Thomas, son of Thomas the emigrant—ch., 1, William L., m. Almira A. Moore—ch., (1) Andrew J., m. Mary Whittemore, residence Lempster—ch., [1] Abraham W., [2] Martha A., [3] Nellie J., (2) William L., d. young, (3) Almira A., d. young, (4) William L., m. Jennie Elliot—ch., [1] Jesse A., (5) Levi W., m. Harriet W. Brown, rem. to Mason—ch., [1] Clara N., [2] Miniette, (6) Alma A., (7) Abraham M., (8) Jonathan T., (9) Nellie J., d. young, (10) Clara L.; 2, James L.; 3, Nancy, m. William Clark (see Clark family); 4, Jonathan. JANE, the daughter of Thomas, son of Thomas Mitchell, the emigrant, m. James Dickey, 3d (see Dickey family). THOMAS, brother of JANE, b. in Frances-town, 1783, m. Mercy Slader (see Slader family), d. in Lempster, 1834—ch., I., Thomas D., b. 1811, m. first Thankful Patterson of Belfast, Me., m. second Martha A. Crosby of Maine. II., William E., m. first, Catherine J. McKinley of Maine, m. second Martha A. McKinley. III., Camilla F., b. 1816, m. first, John Severns (see Severns family) of Wilmot; m. second William Osgood (see Osgood family). IV., Zenas S., b. 1818, m. Betsey Hayward (see Hayward family). V., Jonathan D. L., b. 1822, d. 1844. VI., Lewis, d. young. VII., Nancy Lewis, d. unm. VIII., Sylvester A., b. 1828, m. Frances A. Carpenter of Walpole. IX., Mary L., b. in Lempster, 1831, m. J. Symonds Bowers (see Bowers family), 1852. X., George C., b. in Lempster, 1833, m. Juliett Phelps of Monroe, Mass., d. 1861. The children of JOHN MITCHELL (son of Thomas, the emigrant) and Mary Hylands were as follows, viz: THOMAS, m. Dolly Blake, sister of Mrs. William Graves—ch., I., John. II., Margaret, m. Bela Patrick of Claremont—ch., 1, Abbie; 2, Maria; 3, Ellen; 4, Harriet; 5, Etta. III., Abigail, m. Henry F. Chase of Walpole—ch., 1, Ann; 2, Abby; 3, Stephen. BETSEY, m. David Nutt, residence Canada. OLIVER, residence Canada.

JANE, m. Timothy Currier (see Currier family). MARGARET, m. William Clark (see Clark family).

GRANVILLE MITCHELL, m. Lucy S. Reed (see Supply Reed family)—ch., I, Elbridge, m. Mrs. Clarinda (Shedd) Bardin (see Supply Reed family). II., Almira. III., Emma J. IV., Perley A. V., Rollins K.

PORTER MONROE, native of Fitchburg, Mass., s. in Acworth, 1854, m. Harriet N. Maynard—ch., I., Ella S. II., Hattie A. III., Orin P. IV., J. Eugene. V., G. Elmer.

HUGH MONTGOMERY, came from Francestown to Acworth in 1800, m. Mary Campbell—ch., I., Jane, m. William Smith (see Smith family). II., William, rem. to Walden, Vt., m. Polly —. III., Polly, m. Nathaniel Silsby (see Silsby family). IV., Thomas, m. Martha Woodbury (see Woodbury family), rem. to Whitefield—ch., 1, Hannah R.; 2, Mary C.; 3, John O.; 4, William W., d. young; 5, William S.; 6, David M.; 7, Samuel H.; 8, Thomas W.; 9, Martha A.; 10, Harriet A., d. young. V., Anna, m. John M. Gove (see Gove family). VI., Peggy, m. Reuben Smith, brother of William Smith. VII., David, m. Roxy Morse.

LUKE MOORE of Sudbury, Mass., rem. first to Rutland, Mass., and afterwards to Acworth in —, m. Lucy ————ch., I., Tabitha, m. John Bryant of Rutland, Mass., who removed to Alstead. II., Flagg, m. first Lucy Davis (see Graham family)—ch., 1, Willard, d. young; 2, Lucy, m. Hezekiah Copeland (see Copeland family); 3, Samuel II., m. Clarissa Nurse, daughter of Mrs. Anna (Nurse) Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., (1) George P., (2) Joseph S., (3) Alice, (4) William McC., (5) Pamela, (6) Samuel S., (7) Hartwell R., (8) Lucy; 4, Mary, m. John Brigham (see Brigham family); 5, Alice, m. Jonathan Davis; 6, Asa D., m. Mindwell Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., (1) James F., d. young, (2) James F., (3) Edwin A., (4) Lucy A., (5) Davis G., (6) Alice E., (7) Esterbrook P., (8) Juliette, (9) Albert D., (10) Rosine S.; 7, Mellissa, d. young; 8, Louisa, d. young; 9, Esterbrook, m. first Sarah Davis, m. second Clara Barrows; 10, Louisa, d. young; 11, Roland, d. young. II., Flagg, m. second Olive Richards—ch., 12, Joseph F., m. Lucy A. Davis—ch., (1) Henry A., (2) Ellen, F., (3) Sarah D., (4) Ida J., (5) Charles H.; 12, Martha M.; 13, Elizabeth A., m. Frank Sawin of Westminster, Mass. III., Ashbel, d. young. IV., Willard, m. Mary Abrams—ch., 1, Nancy, d. young; 2, William F., m. Lucy Hurlburt, residence New York State—ch., (1) William, (2) Amanda H., (3) Willard A.; 3, Mary A., m. first Jonathan Mayo, residence Lempster—ch., (1) Charles E., (2) Willard M., (3) Freeman B.; m. second Charles Bignal; 3, Laurinda, m. Amasa Lincoln (see Lincoln family); 4, Eliza S., d. young; 5, Willard, m. Betsey A. Hurlburt, residence Northfield, Vt.—ch., (1) Harrison W., (2) George D., (3) Isabella A., (4) Charles P., d. young, (5) Charles, 6, Ashbel, m. Martha Hastings, residence Groton, Mass.—ch., (1) William A., (2) Ellen M.; 3, Martha A.; 4, George A. V., Lucy, m. Daniel Wilson, residence Alstead.

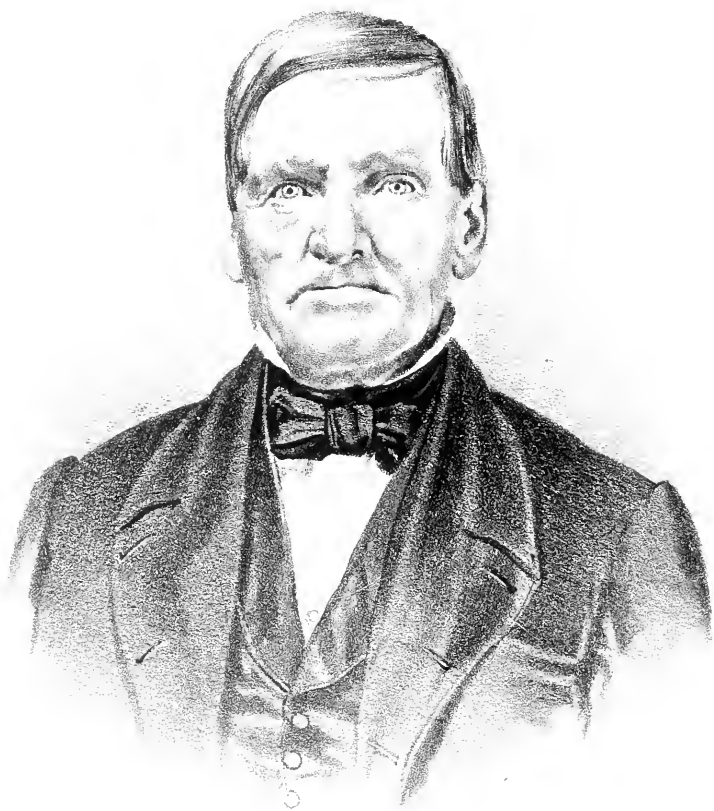


*David Montgomery*









*Thomas Murtough*

JOHN MOORE of Peterboro, s. in Acworth, m. Mehitable Foster—ch., as recorded on town records, I., Philena. II., Jonathan L. III., Amos F. IV., Sarah E.

JOHN MOORE of Weare, s. in Acworth, afterwards rem. to Crown Point—ch., I., James M. II., Horace. III., Albert. IV., John. V., Julia.

LORING MORSE, a native of Keene, s. in Acworth, 1826, m. Mary Dwinell—ch., I., Amorett, d. young. II., Grosvenor C., graduated at Dartmouth College, 1854; graduated at Andover Theological Seminary, 1857; ordained a missionary for Emporia, Kansas, 1857, m. Abbie Barber—ch., 1, Parke; 2, Carrie C.; 3, Irving. III., Mary A. IV., Sarah T., m. Walter Gasset (see Gasset family). V., Almira, m. Willard Ryan, residence Wisconsin—ch., 1, Mary E.; 2, Bertha A.; 3, Lillie May. VI., Sophia G., d. young. VII., Charles L., d. young. VIII., Caroline R., m. first James Walker—ch., 1, Mary E.; m. second Wilbur F. Merrill. IX., Harriet L., m. Paul Cummings (see Cummings family). X., Lorin M. XI., Lorenzo M., m. Marietta Bass. XII., Ella D., m. Jonathan Butterfield of Springfield. XIII., Amy, d. young.

JAMES MORSE was of the seventh gen. in this country; first gen., Samuel, emigrated from England to Dedham, Mass. 1635; second gen., Joseph; third, Jeremiah; fourth, Jeremiah; fifth, Josiah; sixth, Thomas. JAMES, b. at Dover, Mass. 1775, m. first Olive Harding—ch., I., Lucy H., m. Sumner Reed. II., James H., m. Sarah Aldrich—ch., 1, Sarah; 2, Louis; 3, Francis; 4, Charles; 5, William; 6, Emeline, residence Litchfield, Me. III., Olive C. JAMES, m. second Clarissa Bullard, s. in Acworth in —ch., IV., Rachel S., m. Orange Wood (see Wood family).

MOSES MOULTON of Manchester, s. in 1867, m. Maria L. Brown (see Aaron Brown family)—ch., I., Elfreda S. II., Bertha L.

THOMAS MURDOUGH, a native of Hillsboro, came to Acworth in 1818, m. Catherine McPherson—ch., I., Robert T., d. unm. while a student in Dartmouth College. II., George, m. Elizabeth Mitchell, s. in Manchester. III., Sarah A., m. Col. C. K. Brooks (see Brooks family). IV. and V., twins, Homer and Horace. IV., Homer, m. Emorancy E. Gowan (see Gowan family)—ch., 1, Jennie F.; 2, S. Angie, residence Belfast, N. Y. V., Horace, m. Margaret Cheney of New York. VI., Nancy I., m. Benjamin F. Woods, residence Arlington, Mass.—ch., 1, Ella J.; 2, William L. VII., J. D. Freeman, m. Henrietta Lincoln (see Lincoln family)—ch., 1, Edwin L.; 2 and 3, twins, Katie E. and Charles E.; 4, Hattie M.; 5, George T.

SOLON NEAL, s. in Acworth in 1838, m. Huldah Copeland (see Copeland family)—ch., I., Winslow C., m. first Sarah Gray—ch., 1, Clarence; m. second Harriet L. Gilmore (see Campbell family). II., George W., m. Mary M. Watts (see Watts family). III., Hannah, d. unm. IV., Helen, d. young. V., Josephine L., m. Benton Tracy (see Tracy family). VI., Elizabeth R., m. Alexander Graham (see Graham family). VII., Hiram R. VIII., Olive Annette. IX., Mary E. X., Cora, d. young.

Dea. James Nesmith of Londonderry m. Mary McClure (see McClure family)—ch., I., Isaac, s. in Acworth, 1799, m. Mary McClure who was a fine teacher and a fluent writer—ch., 1, Julius O.; 2, Mary F.; 3, Carver P.; 4, William M.; these were b. in Acworth; 5, Martha L.; 6, Margaret M.; 7, Isaac C.; 8, Robert McC.; 9, Sarah E.; 10, Thomas A., a lawyer in Cincinnati. II., Robert, resided some time in Acworth, m. Roxanna King (see King family)—ch., 1, Gilmore. III., William, m. ——— Willis—ch., 1, ———; 2, James W., formerly United States Senator from Oregon. IV., James, resided in Acworth, rem. to Charlestown, m. Lucinda Southard (see Southard family)—ch., 1, Mary J., m. Nathan Dustin of Galena, Ohio; 2, Margaret, m. George Taylor of Deerfield, Ind. V., Martha, m. James Wallace (see Wallace family). VI., Margaret. VII., Sally, m. Samuel Wilson (see Wilson family).

*Uriah Newton*, originally from Princeton, Mass., came to Alstead, m. Hannah Eager—ch., Jonathan, Ephraim, who d. at West Point in the Continental Army, Joel, Rebecca, Artemas, Joab and Hannah. Of these, Joel, Artemas and Joab became residents of this town, and Jonathan's children, though he always lived in the edge of Alstead, made this town their residence for a longer or shorter period. *Joel* came to town in 1824, d. unm. ARTEMAS came to town about 1800, m. ————ch., I., Rebecca. II., Abigail. III., Elijah F. IV., Ephraim. V., Sally F. VI., Hannah. VII., Artemas. VIII., Jonathan. IX., Betsey B. The family afterwards rem. to New York. JONATHAN, m. Betsey Brigham (see Brigham family)—ch., I., Asa. II., Joel. III., Silas, m. Sarah Kent, s. in Acworth, 1863—ch., 1, Anna, m. Theron Duncan (see Duncan family); 2, Isaac, m. first Delight Brackett—ch., (1) Elsie, (2) Alice, (3) Ernest, (4) Amy; m. second Rasilla Brackett—ch., (5) Elmer. IV., Betsey, m. Amos Harding (see Harding family). JOAB came to Acworth, 1797, m. Polly Butterfield (see Butterfield family)—ch., I., Uriah, b. 1798, resides in Walpole, m. Mary Knight—ch., 1, Mary; 2, Elizabeth; 3, Hubbard; 4, Almira. II., Mary, m. Isaac Brown (see Aaron Brown family). III., Harvey, residence Windsor, Vt., m. Aesah Bailey—ch., 1, Mark. IV., Joab, d. unm. V., Benjamin, m. Sally E. Jones—ch., 1, Milo H., m. Hannah R. Merrill (see Merrill family)—ch., (1) Hattie A., (2) Elwyn L.; 2, Winslow, residence Illinois, d. in the army, m. Mary Clough—ch., (1) Mary E.; 3, Mary F., m. Loren Sweet, residence Illinois—ch., (1) A. Eugene, (2) Minnie A.; 4, Artemissa E., m. Joab N. Davis (see Davis family); 5, Orlow C., residence Illinois, d. in the army; 6, Alice A., m. John McDonald, residence Illinois—ch., (1) John C., (2) Susie F.; 7, Ainslow A., d. in the army; 8, Benjamin A.; 9, Adolphus L.; 10, Dorson E., b. 1849. VI., Calista, b. 1808, m. Thomas J. Davis (see Davis family). VII., Hubbard, residence Milford, m. Caroline Holmes—ch., 1, Mary; 2, George; 3, Frank; 4, Hattie. VIII., Orlando, residence Claremont, m. Elsie Jones—ch., 1, Ovid, m. Nellie Capley, d. 1863; 2, Oscar, m. Abbie Knights; 3, Frank. IX.,





*William Kaus*

Hannah, m. William Robinson of Hancock—ch., 1, Helen; 2, George; 3, Marietta; 4, Newton; 5, Adalaide; 6, Henry; 7, Ella. X., Marinda, m. Moses Robinson of Greenfield. XI., Coolidge, d. unm. XII., Caroline, b. 1821, d. unm.

BENJAMIN NICHOLS of Cambridge, Mass., s. in Aeworth, 1838, m. Mary Smith—ch., I., Almon, m. Julia Gale—ch., 1, Eldridge L.; 2, Etta J., residence Lawrence, Mass. II., George F., m., Olive Richardson (see Richardson family). III., Nancy M., m. John Osgood, (see Osgood family). IV., Angie L.

DANIEL NOURSE, native of Westboro, Mass., s. in Aeworth 1785, m. first Anna Wilcox 1791—ch., I., Daniel, m. Margaret Wilson (see Wilson family), rem. to Fox Lake, Wis., 1855—ch., 1, Mary L., d. unm.; 2, Solon, residence Keosauqua, Iowa, m. first Amanda Hodgman; m. second Carrie McBride—ch., (1) Carrie; 3, Julia A., d. young; 4, Daniel H., m. Ann E. Slader (see Slader family)—ch., (1) Flora E., (2) Solon L., (3) Herbert F., (4) Jesse S., (5) Willie E., d. young, (6) Carrie L., (7) Marden W., (8) Edward W., rem. to Wisconsin; 5, William, residence Newport, m. first Rebecca Morrison (see Liseomb family)—ch., (1) Willie, d. young; m. second Ellen W. Hatch—ch., (2) May E., (3) Emma L., (4) Marcia B.; 5, Willie H.; 6, Nancy, m. Joel Hubbard, residence Mount Pleasant, Mo.; 7, Julia A., m. Samuel H. Edes of Newport—ch., (1) George C., (2) William, (3) Samuel, d. young, (4) Marcia; 8, Helen Marr, m. George H. Fairbanks of Newport—ch., (1) Charles, (2) Mary, d. young, (3) G. Arlington; 9, George W., m. Juliette Woodward of Newport—ch., (1) William, d. young, (2) Grace L.; 10, Freeman W., m. Mary Peck, residence Fox Lake, Wis. DANIEL, m. second Mrs. Orinda Wilcox.

CHESTER NYE of Norwich, Vt., m. Mercy Liseomb—ch., I., Corinna, m. Dick Huntington of Hartford, Vt. II., Calista. III., Daniel, m. first Fanny F. Hayward (see Hayward family), s. in Aeworth—ch., 1, Chester; 2, Harvey, d. young; 3, David F.; 4, Charles; 5, Arthur. IV., Marianna, m. Paschel Houghton of Illinois. V., Harvey, m. ———, residence Illinois. VI., J. Newell, m. Peggy Jane Clark (see Clark family)—ch., 1, Ellen M.; 2, Willie C.

DR. WILLIAM OLIVER m. Mrs. (Kinnerson) Hoyt—ch., I., William, II., Eben. III., George. IV., Esther, rem. to Canada. Mrs. Oliver was a sister of George Kinnerson, who m. a sister of Eliphalet Bailey, and resided in Aeworth a little while.

NATHAN ORCUTT was of the fourth gen. in this country. His great-grandfather, William, s. in South Bridgewater, d. 1790. His will mentions nine children, viz.: Andrew, John, Joseph, Thomas, Benjamin, Martha, Mary, Hannah and Susanna. His grandfather, Joseph, and his father, Ichabod, both resided in Bridgewater. NATHAN m. Susanna Snell—ch., I., William, m. Abigail Carlton (see Carlton family)—ch., 1, Clarissa, m. Abel M. Rice, residence Oxford; 2, Nahum, m. Belinda Silsby (see Silsby family) rem. to

Lempster—ch., (1) William, (2) Sophia; 3 Leonard, rem. to New York, m. Sally Breed—ch., (1) Clarissa, (2) Thirza, (3) Willard, (4) George, (5) Charlotte, (6) Mary; 4, Susan, m. Bela Mathews (see Mathews family). II., Nathan. III., Daniel, d. unm. IV., John Snell, m. Hannah Currier (see Currier family), d. 1841—ch., 1, Naomi, m. first Oliver Parker—ch., (1) Amanda, (2) Joseph, (3) Rebecca, (4) Enoch C., (5) Nancy N., (6) Hannah O.; Naomi m. second Alpheus Crosby—ch., (7) Miriam, (8) Oliver P., (9) Mary; 2, Daniel C., d. young; 3, Nathan, rem. to Vermont, m. first Nancy Clark (see Clark family)—ch., (1) Nancy, m. Amos Dwinell, (2) Hiram C., m. Helen M. George—ch., [1] Nancy E., d. young, [2] Flora F., [3] Hiram M., d. young, [4] George N., (3) Nahum, m. Laura H. Herron, (4) John G., m. Ettie H. Haynor—ch., [1] John G., [2] Natie H., [3] Mary, d. young, (5) Paulina S., m. Henry C. Keith—ch., [1] Willie E., (6) Luey, d. young; 3, Nathan m. second Priscilla Lamb, m. third, Mary D. Byron; 4, Lucinda, m. first Henry Graves (see Graves family), m. second James Richardson—ch., (1) Henry M.; 5, Dan, m. Fanny Abell (see Abell family)—ch., (1) Daniel M., m. Mary W. Bell, (2) Lucina J. M., m. E. D. Judkins, M. D., (3) Louisa M., m. Thomas Frost; 6, Amanda, d. young; 7, Hannah C., m. Stephen H. Thompson—ch., (1) Lovina E.; 8, John, m. Frances L. Blake—ch., (1) Adeline E., and two d. in infancy. During his minority John spent most of his time working on his father's farm and teaching district schools. At the age of twenty-one years, with one hundred dollars, the amount his father gave each of his sons at their majority, he left the parental roof to follow the profession of teaching, in the West. While waiting at Burlington for the ice to break up, that he might cross the lake in a boat, he was offered a school in Burlington, which he accepted. While teaching he began the study of medicine. Soon he decided upon a collegiate course and entered the University of Vermont. At a time of great religious interest in college he became hopefully converted, and united with the Congregational Church. Thus his thoughts were turned towards the ministry, and his reading more to theological topics. Ill-health compelled him to leave college before completing his course. He afterwards received the "Master's Degree" from the college. After some time spent in teaching in the academy at Chester, Vt., he was licensed to preach, and supplied the pulpit in South Wellfleet, Mass., for a year and a half, where about seventy persons were received into the church,—the fruit of an interesting revival. After this he spent some two years at Andover Seminary, which he left to accept a call from the Congregational Church at North Reading, Mass. He was pastor of this church five years, and of the church in Uxbridge, Mass., seven years, when he went to Apalachicola, Fla., for the health of a feeble daughter. He organized a Congregational Church at this place, and assisted in raising funds to build a comfortable house of worship. Declining a call from the church, he returned North after a sojourn of eight months, and received an appointment as agent of the American Colonization Society in



Connecticut and Rhode Island. After six years he was appointed traveling secretary for the whole country, and in this capacity he has been employed for over twelve years. His doctorate was conferred upon him by Columbian College, D. C.; 9, Rhoby S., m. Cotton W. Davis (see Davis family); 10, Hiram, b. 1815, m. first Sarah A. Cummings—ch., (1) J. Frank, (2) Mary F.; m. second Ellen L. Dana—ch., (3) Laura A. He enjoyed only limited privileges at the common schools. After attending Chester (Vt.) Academy for a term or two, he began teaching district schools, and taught seven winters while prosecuting his studies; fitted for college at Phillips' Academy, Andover, Mass., entered Dartmouth College in 1838, and graduated, 1842; was associate principal of Hebron (N. H.) Academy two terms before he graduated, and was principal of the same academy for nearly a year after graduating; was then elected principal of Thetford (Vt.) Academy, where he remained twelve years and a quarter. In 1855 he was elected principal of North Granville (N. Y.) Ladies' Seminary, where he remained five years. He then established Glenwood Ladies' Seminary at West Brattleboro, Vt., as a private enterprise, which he managed until 1868. During nearly four years of this time he also had charge of Tilden Ladies' Seminary at Lebanon, N. H., where he now resides, in charge of said Seminary. He has now completed full thirty years of teaching, and during this time he has fitted one hundred and thirty-five young men for college, and graduated two hundred and fifty-nine young ladies from his seminaries. More than one hundred of these graduates have been aided by Mr. Orcutt by trust and remittance, in their course of education. Many of them were unable to pay for any part of their education while they were studying. He has devoted his life and all his energies to the profession of teaching. V., Ichabod, m. Rachel Currier (see Currier family), d. 1857—ch., 1, Martha, m. John Reed—ch., (1) John H., (2) Eleanor, (3) Alvin, (4) Caroline, (5) Frank, (6) Andrew, (7) Charles; 2, Nathan, d. young; 3, Cynthia, d. young; 4, Amanda, m. Prosper Pierce—ch., (1) Harrison. VI., Susanna, m. John Currier (see Currier family). VII., Malison, m. Joel Turner (see Turner family).

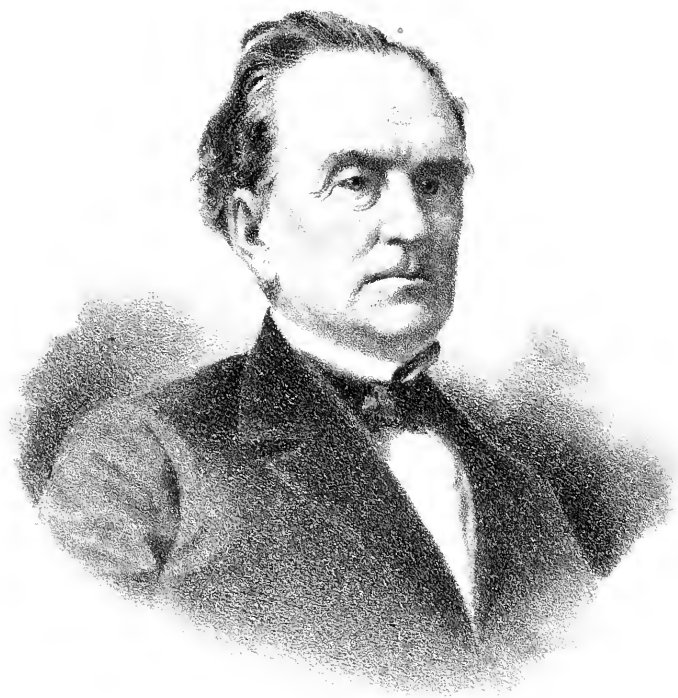
JOHN OSGOOD was of the sixth gen. in this country: first gen., John; second, Stephen; third, Hooker; fourth, Hooker; fifth, John. Sixth gen., JOHN, m. Sarah Downs, 1787, s. in Acworth, 1818—ch., I., Sarah, m. James Osmere, residence Langdon. II., Betsey, d. unm. III., John, m. Roxanna Gee of Marlow—ch., 1, Warner, d. unm.; 2, Dustin G., m. Harriet Spencer of Westminster, Vt.—ch., (1) John E.; 3, Sarah A.; 4, Helen A.; 5, John S., m. Maria Nichols (see Nichols family). IV., Susanna, m. Solomon McKeen (see McKeen family). V., William, m. first Mrs. Camilla (Mitchell) Severans—ch., 1, Catherine J., m. Luther Randall (see Randall family), m. second Mrs. Elizabeth Bullard, m. third, Mrs. Nancy Farnsworth, m. fourth, Mrs. Eunice (Peck) Hopkins. VI., Joseph, d. unm. VII., Samuel, m. Belinda P. Emery of Alstead—ch., 1, Marianna

B., d. unm.; 2, Emily J. P.; 3, Juliette A.; 4, Josephine L. VIII., Mary, d. unm.

JOHN G. PAIGE of Goffstown m. Nancy Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., I., Isaac, s. in Acworth, 1865, m. Jane R. Curtis—ch., 1, George W.; 2, Frank E.; 3, Willie P.; 4, Lauretta. II., Frances, m. Isaiah Richards—ch., 1, Charles; 2, Ellen. III., Frank J., m. Julia Crossett, s. in Acworth, 1860—ch., 1, Minnie A.; 2, Myrtie A. IV., Harlan, m. Louisa Kenny. V., Henry C., m. Maria Marshall. VI., Atwood. VII., Martha J., m., Lucian Stearns. VIII., Sarah A.

DOCTOR B. C. PARKER, with his wife, arrived in Acworth in the spring of 1808, at the age of twenty-four years. He was the eldest of five sons of David Parker of Westford, Mass., three of whom were physicians, one a banker, and one a farmer. For that period he was well educated. There were then no medical schools, and the profession was learned in the office of some approved physician. He had spared no pains in his profession, availing himself of all the means within his reach, and entered his new field of labor confident of success. He at first took up his residence at the north end of the village, remaining there about seven years. In 1815 he was able to lay the foundation of his home in the south part of the village, where he remained through life, and with which we all love to associate him. Dr. Parker, as a physician, was widely known and universally respected. He acquired celebrity in the region round about, insomuch that his counsel was sought in various directions. He often rode thirty and forty miles in a day. He took great delight in his profession; his patients being to him as dear friends, and by day and by night, through snow and blow, he willingly lent a listening ear to a call of distress. He never ceased to study, and possessed a valuable medical library for that period, and the midnight watch and early dawn found him pouring over these volumes. This library was chosen with so much discrimination that it became a valuable addition to that of his son at a later and more learned period. He was very happy in his *modus operandi* as a doctor. He was prompt, and would enter the sick room with such a genial, hopeful smile, and so softly, carefully and patiently, listen to all the complaints of a sick room as to steal the hearts of those looking to him for relief. Truly he was a good doctor. As a gentleman he possessed more than ordinary culture, and was remarkable for affability kindness and politeness of demeanor. He was a man of strict integrity, ever remembering the golden rule, and of whom it might be said, "his word is as good as his bond." He was social and generous in his feelings, and his house was the center of a wide hospitality. All were welcome, and nowhere did friends find a warmer welcome than beneath his roof. None who ever enjoyed his hospitality will forget the open, generous and courteous manner in which it was dispensed, and will grieve to remember that it is past forever. His profession peculiarly brought him independence. He lived in great comfort, reared and educated a promising family, and on the whole had little to regret.





*Wm. F. Parker*  
*Wm. F. Parker*

In his whole career, he was nobly seconded by his wife, Mrs. Mary Parker, whom to know was to love. She was strong-minded, had good common sense, and an unusual amount of executive ability. At the age of fifty-eight years Dr. Parker lost his wife, and soon after his own health gave way. During the last ten years of his life he was a great sufferer. The hardships of early life now told upon him. As he neared the close of life he gave evidence of that faith in Christ which supports in the darkest hour, and peacefully went to his rest. He died in 1856, aged seventy-two years. His children were, I., Milton, early designed for his father's profession, he added to it surgery. He enjoyed all the facilities his country affords for a complete education. He spent double the usual amount of time in preparing for his profession, and year after year found him at lectures in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. His object accomplished, and his health requiring a more genial clime, he went South and settled in Charlestown, Va. Here he was warmly received, and entered at once upon a large and lucrative practice in both branches of his profession. As a surgeon he obtained a wide celebrity and cases were brought to him from all the country round about. Day after day, and year after year, amid a *throng* of suffering humanity, he is perfectly at home. The first glimpse of his cheerful sanguine countenance inspires a new confidence, and as he proceeds, his quick perception and ready adaptation to circumstances, is, to a looker-on, surprising. In 1859 his health made a change desirable, and he removed to Chicago, his present residence, not intending to engage in practice to any extent. His reputation however followed him, and the force of habit drew him into a large practice, and he ranks high among the medical men of that city. He m. Harriet, eldest daughter of Colonel Train of Washington, N. H. II., Laura, the eldest daughter of Dr. Parker, inherited the talents of the family. She however was quiet and unobtrusive in her ways, rejoicing rather in the praise and successes of her brothers and sisters than in seeking a high place for herself. She was domestic in her habits, and was assiduous in her attention to the wants of her parents and friends, studying to make all around her comfortable and happy. She was also public-spirited, taking great interest in the Sabbath-school and in all the missionary and benevolent enterprises of her native village. She was the last of the family to leave Acworth, having seen her father, mother and sister laid in the silent grave, and her brothers settled in their professions. She died in South Carolina where she had gone for health. III., Mary, d. young. IV., Julia possessed uncommon traits; she had a cheerful and happy temper, ready wit, and good conversational powers. She thirsted for knowledge, and read everything that came in her way, from the Bridgewater treatises to works of light literature. She readily acquired the languages, and besides Latin, was acquainted with French, Spanish and Italian. Before her death she had developed quite a talent for writing, had tried her hand upon essays, criticisms, tales and sketches with much success, writing both in prose and verse.

In 1851 she married J. Dyson, Esq., of Clarendon, S. C., and died on the 8th of April, 1852, soon after she reached her new home. Her memoir was written by Miss E. Latimer, and published together with miscellanies from her own pen. V., Horace, studied dentistry in Charlestown, S. C., and entered upon the practice of his profession in Edgefield in the same State, in which he has been successful, m. Sarah Dorm; his eight children are the only grandchildren of Doctor Parker. Under his roof recur the old household names.

ELISHA PARKS of Winchendon, Mass., s. in Acworth in 1799. He succeeded William and John Mitchell in the ownership of the mills in South Acworth, carrying on for many years an extensive business. He m. first Mindwell Grout (see Grout family)—ch., I., Linda, m. Daniel McClure (see McClure family). II., Royal, m. ——— Evans. III., Mindwell, d. unm. IV., Betsey, m. Alexander Houston (see Houston family). ELISHA PARKS m. second Mrs. Martha (Whipple) Duncan (see Duncan family)—ch., V., Elisha A., m. first Nancy Gilmore (see Gilmore family)—ch., 1, Ellen; 2, Stella; 3, Anna M.; 4, Eva. Elisha A. m. second Helen Higbee, residence Vernon, Minn. VI., Martha W., m. first Samuel E. Gilman of Unity—ch., 1, Henry A., m. second Charles Gilchrist of Garden City, Minn.—ch., 2, Clarence A. VII., Mary G., m. Daniel D. Robinson (see Robinson family). VIII., Milton P., d. unm. ELIPHALET PARKS, nephew of ELISHA, s. in Acworth about 1830, rem. to Winchendon, m. Rebecca Prentiss (see Prentiss family)—ch., I., Helen A., d. young. II., George W., d. in the army. III., Emma L.

JAMES PEARSON, b. in Kingston, 1779, son of *John Pearson* and Abigail Tyler, m. Hannah Duty, s. in Acworth, 1800, d. 1853—ch., I., John, m. Betsey Clark (see Clark family) 1825—ch., 1, Freeman, b. 1828, m. Mrs. Lorinda (Silsby) Harding (see Harding family), residence Mazeppa, Minn.; 2, Laura, m. Oliver Chapin (see Chapin family); 3, Mary, m. Henry H. Clark of Rutland, Vt.; 4, Sarah A.; 5, Jane B. II., Phylena, m. Levi H. Morgan, residence Jefferson, N. H.—ch., 1, Marcellus; 2, Laura A.; 3, Alman J.; 4, Paschal; 5, Sarah J.; 6, Chauncy. III., Betsey, m. first Jonathan Hovey, m. second Roswell Carleton (see Carleton family). IV., Sally, m. Isaac Minor of Whitefield—ch., 1, Betsey H.; 2, Lauren J.; 3, Austin W.; 4, Sarah J.; 5, Mary P. V., Laura, d. young. VI., Lauren, m. Martha E. Colby of Ellsworth, residence Chelsea, Mass. He was ordained a Baptist minister in Addison, Me., 1852. VII., Albert, m. first Linda Grout (see Grout family), m. second Eleanor Dickerson, residence Danbury—ch., 1, Susan A. VIII., Silas, m. Lydia Moore, residence Bricksburg, N. J. IX., William, d. young.

JONATHAN PECK of Connecticut resided in Acworth only a few years. Of his numerous children only Zia s. in Acworth, m. Sarah Campbell (see Campbell family)—ch., 1, Adelaide, d. young; 2, Leander Van E., graduated at Dartmouth College in —; teacher in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., m.



*Chicago Lithography Co.*

*Yours truly & ever  
Julia A. Parker,*





Mary J. Harris; 3, Nettie N., m. J. Foster Richardson (see Richardson family), d. 1869; 4, Josephine A., d. young; 5, Erhorn. TRUEMAN A. PECK, son of Jonathan, brother of Zia, m. Helen Johnson, residence Stratford, Vt.—ch., I., Isabel. II., Nettie. GEORGE W. PECK, brother of TRUEMAN, m. first Alice R. Merrill (see Merrill family)—ch., I., Ida A. II., George W. He m. second Candace Finney. CALVIN D., brother of Trueman, m. Julietta Gleason (see Gleason family)—ch., I., Estella W. II., Willie P. III., Oscar R.

JOHN, son of *John Perham* and Sarah Moore, who was born on the ocean between Ireland and America, was b. in Derryfield, now Manchester, s. in Aeworth, 1796, m. Eunice Richardson of Litchfield—ch., I., Hannah, P., d. unm. II., Sally, m., d. of spotted fever. III., John, d. unm. IV., Selinda K., m. T. M. Dickey (see Dickey family). V., Franklin, m. Margaret Dickey of Londonderry—ch., 1, John; 2, Clarinda, d. young; 3, Sarah L., d. young; 4, Lucina, d. young; 5, Horace G.; 6, Leavitt; 7, Orra A. VI., Clarinda, d. young. VII., Lucina, d. young. VIII., Willard, m. Susan II., Clark of Newbury—ch., 1, Josiah R., d. young; 2, Lucia E.; 3, Lucina H.; 4, Emma J.; 5, Susanna C.; 6, George A.; 7, Ellen S.; 8, Frances W. MR. PERHAM brought his wife and household effects to Aeworth on an ox sled, sixty miles, through the wilderness. Mrs. Perham visited home the next year, riding all the way on horseback, carrying an infant, while her husband walked by her side.

PHINEAS PETTENGILL of Londonderry s. in Aeworth, 1802, m. Hannah Corning (see Corning family)—ch., I., Sally. II., Samuel. III., Maria, the first of the family b. in Aeworth, m. Joel Tracy (see Tracy family). IV., Trueman, m. Lucinda Beckwith, residence Windsor, Vt.—ch., 1, Joe T. V., Phineas, m. Mary Sabine (see Merrill family), m. second Mrs. Mary R. Symonds. Watson G., an adopted son of Phineas (see Sargent family), m. Catherine Hemphill (see Hemphill family)—ch., 1, Lonie May.

AMBROSE H. PIPER of Wiscassett, Me., s. in Aeworth, 1843, m. first Lucetta M. Blodgett—ch., I., Rosa M. II., Herbert L. III., Nellie L. IV., Lucetta M., he m. second Mrs. Margaret Putnam.

PETER POLLY of Ashburnham, Mass., s. in Aeworth, 1816, m. Desire Flint—ch., I., Peter, d. unm. II., Amos, never s. in Aeworth. III., Doreas, never lived in Aeworth. IV., Jacob, never s. in Aeworth. V., Desire, m. first John Buswell (see Buswell family), m. second Silas Thompson of Marlow. VI., Gertrude, never lived in Aeworth. VII., David, m. Mary Neal of Unity, was drowned in Haverhill—ch., 1, Luther; 2, Orson; 3, Alvin; 4, Olivia; 5, Albert; 6, Charlotte; 7, Emily; 8, Harvey. VIII., Flint, m. first Betsey Herrick, m. second Cynthia Neal of Unity. IX., Mary E., m. Joel Angier (see Angier family).

STEPHEN POND of Springfield, Vt., s. in Aeworth, 1866, m. Olive S. Fletcher—ch., I., Susan O., m. Charles A. Snow (see Snow family). II., Stephen H., never lived in Aeworth. CALVIN POND, brother of Stephen,

came from Springfield to Acworth, 1867, m. Eliza J. Ruggles—ch., I., William; II., Susan A., m. Thomas Riley—ch., 1, Willie. III., Eva M. IV., Laura A.

JOEL PORTER of Sullivan s. in Acworth, 1852, m. Clarissa Barney (see Barney family)—ch., I., Joel B., d. young. II., Clara D., m. Frank Whitman—ch., 1, Mary Viola, m. second George F. Reed. III., Abigail S., d. young. IV., Ada L., d. young. V., Melinda A. I., m. Hammond Reed (see Reed family). VI., William. VII., Emma E.

WILLIAM, LEVI, REBECCA and PRUDENCE PRENTISS, natives of Winchendon, Mass., s. in Acworth. WILLIAM s. in Acworth, 1832, m. Sarah F. Lincoln, (see Lincoln family)—ch., I., Davis B., m. Fannie McNab—ch., 1, Carlos W., residence Springfield, Vt. II., Marden W., m. Ellen M. Perry, residence Holyoke, Mass. III., Robert T. IV., William, d. in the army. V., C. Herbert, m. Alice Perry, residence Holyoke. VI., Samuel L. LEVI PRENTISS s. in Acworth, 1859, m. Eliza Cummings—ch., I., Alzina E., m. William P. Scott, residence Manchester. II., Eliza C. REBECCA m. Eliphalet Parks (see Parks family).

SAMUEL, WILLIAM and JOHN PRENTISS and ROBERT HUNTLEY (see Huntley family), four brothers, came from New Boston to Acworth, 1799. SAMUEL m. Lydia Clark (see Ephraim Clark family)—ch., I., Polly. II., Ephraim. III., Theron. IV., Margaret. V., Willard. VI., Nancy. VII., Samuel. JOHN b. 1767, m. Mary Brown, rem. in 1819 to Plainfield, Vt., d. 1842. His wife lived to see the *grandchild* of her *grandchild*—ch., eight, of whom five are living. I., Betsey, m. Alvan Wood (see Wood family). II., John, m. Mahala Huntoon, residence Leroy, Ohio—ch., 1, Silvia; 2, Ethan; 3, Cyrene; 4, Ursula; 5 and 6, (twins,) Rodney and Rhoda. III., Luther R., residence Warrensville, Ohio. m. Abigail Patterson, a native of Acworth—ch., 1, Zelma, d. 1816; 2, Mendon; 3, Mineda; 4, Willard; 5, Mary; 6, Ella. IV., Sarah, m. George Ayres of Plainfield, Vt.—ch., 1, Lucina; 2, Olive, residence Barre, Vt. V., Lewis, m. Maria Reed—ch., 1, Harriet; 2, Charles.

DEA. THOMAS PUTNAM s. in Acworth previous to 1772; was the first justice of the peace, first miller, and first deacon in the Congregational Church in Acworth. Children of Thomas and Rachel Putnam b. in Acworth. I., Martha. II., Dorothy. III., Asa. Dea. Putnam, afterwards rem. to Charlestown.

LUTHER RANDALL m. Catherine J. Osgood (see Osgood family)—ch., I., Carlos W.

JOHN REED of Woburn, Mass., s. in Acworth, 1786; was in the Continental Army from the battle of Bunker Hill until the close of the war, as orderly sergeant. He had a narrow escape at the battle of Bunker, being knocked down by a missile just as the British were scaling the breastworks, and killing an officer who was coming over upon him as he was lying prostrate. At another time he went out as a skirmisher with only one man, and



*Wm Prentiss*



succeeded at great peril to himself in bringing on an engagement which resulted in victory to the Continental troops. He m. Deborah Holden of Groton, Mass.—ch., I., Polly, m. Moses P. Kemp (see Kemp family). II., Deborah, m. Amos Kenny—ch., 1, Thomas, m. Matilda Jeffries—ch., (1) T. Westley; 2, Emeline, m. Joseph Cheney—ch., (1) Ida D., (2) Sarah, (3) Frank; 3, Deborah R., m. Augustus B. Bachelder; 4, Polly, m. J. Harmon Kemp (see Kemp family). III., Jonathan H., m. Ennice Ingalls (see Ingalls family)—ch., 1, Laura R., m. John B. Kemp (see Kemp family); 2, Electa, m. Silas L. Beekwith—ch., (1) Darwin O., (2) Ruth L., d. young, (3) Amelia Z., (4) Ruth N., (5) Albro E., (6) Edith E., (7) Ormond W., (8) Cornelia E., (9) Jennie T.; 3, Mary, m. Orlin R. Kemp (see Kemp family); 4, James M., m. first Esther Beekwith—ch., (1) Albert H., d. young, (2) Darwin B., d. young, (3) Edwin W., d. young; (4) Abbie A., (5) Edith C., d. young; m. second Mrs. Pamela Cooke—ch., (6) Edward H., (7) Clara E.; 5, Edith I., d. unm. IV., David. V., Amos, m. Patty Stearns—ch., 1, Elijah, m. Marietta H. Dinsmore—ch., (1) Emma M., (2) Annette, (3) Frank E., (4) Chester D.; 2, Martha J., m. Elijah Huntley—ch., (1) Westley M., (2) Nellie, (3) Julia A.; 3, Wilbra, m. first Julianna E. Perkins—ch., (1) Josephine E., (2) Nelson F., (3) Ellsworth A., (4) Byron D.; m. second Melissa Copeland (see Copeland family); 4, Julia, m. Amos F. Buswell (see Buswell family); 5, Amos J., m. Harriet Gee, residence Nashua; 6, Adeline M., m. Henry D. Putnam—ch., (1) Jennie N., (2) Arthur O.

SUPPLY REED, brother of JOHN, came from Woburn to Acworth in 1785, m. Susanna Byam, sister of Mrs. Dean Carleton, Jr.—ch., I., Supply, was drowned when young. II., John, m. Rebecca Buss, residence Ohio—ch., 1, Lee; 2, William; 3, Caroline; 4, Clarissa; 5, Ira; 6, Levi; 7, Rebecca; 8, Laura. III., Susanna, m. Silas Royce, residence Northfield, Vt.—ch., 1., Harriet; 2, Maria; 3, Phyllis; 4, Fanny; 5, Luey; 6, Henry; 7, Laura. IV., Tellotson, m. Delia Byams—ch., 1, T. Sumner, m. first Luey Morse; m. second Sarah Symonds—ch., (1) Sumner, (2) Fred, residence Fitzwilliam; 2, Nahum, residence Lowell; 3, Fidelia; 4, Calvin; 5, William; 6, Samuel; 7, John; 8, Mary; 9, Sally A. V., Judith, m. Nahum Benjamin of Ashburnham, Mass.—ch., 1, Susan; 2, Alvira; 3, Timothy; 4, Supply; 5, Harriet; 6, Alzina. VI., Supply, m. first Mercy Streeter—ch., 1, Sylvester A., m. Betsey Wallace (see James Wallace family)—ch., (1) James H., m. Melinda A. Porter (see Porter family)—ch., [1] Addie E., d. young; when she died she had three great grandfathers and two great-grandmothers, their aggregate age being over four hundred years, [2] Frank E., (2) George F., m. Mrs. Clara D. Whitman, (3) Charlie M., (4) Ellen M., (5) Willie W., (6) Edie F., d. young, (7) Rollins S., (8) Emma S., (9) Elroy E.; 2, Theron A., d. unm.; 3, Maria F., d. young; 4, Luey S., m. Granville Mitchell (see Granville Mitchell family); 5, Maria F., m. Rollins Kempton, residence Boston—ch., (1) Zella, (2) Linnie; 6, Mercy,

d. young. VI., Supply m. second Mrs. Catherine (Hodgman) Moore—ch., 7, Supply, d. unm.; 8, Willard, m. Lois ——— residence Lawrence, Mass.; 9, Israel, residence Lawrence; 10, Gracia; 11, Ann; 12, George, d. young. VII., Patty, m. Asa Shedd of Stoddard—ch., 1, Imla, m. Lucinda Clark; 2, Reed, m. first Ann Richardson—ch., (1) John; m. second ——— Tinker—ch., (2) Marcellus R.; 3, Clarinda, d. young; 4, Hosea P., m. Eliza Coburn—ch., (1) Asa H., (2) Arthur, and four others; 5, Clarinda, m. first Everett Barden—ch., (1) Imla; m. second Elbridge Mitchell (see Granville Mitchell family). VII., Patty m. second ——— Kemp. VIII., Mahala, d. young. IX., Sally, d. unm. X., Mahala, m. David Currier (see Currier family). XI., Lucinda, m. first Ebenezer Jones of Ashburnham, Mass.—ch., 1, Eliza; 2, Sylva; 3, Charles. XI., Lucinda m. second Abel Corey—ch., 4, Isaac; 5, Lucy, and two others. XII., Parker, d. young. XIII., Parker, m. first Tryphena Smith, residence Alstead—ch., 1, Drusilla; 2, Charles W.; 3, George.

HORACE RICHARDSON of Alstead s. in Aeworth, 1853, m. Amanda M. Chase—ch., I., Charles, m. Nettie Huntoon, residence Lempster. II., Eliza A.

JACOB RICHARDSON of Lempster s. in Aeworth, 1857, m. first Lucinda Foster (see Timothy Foster family)—ch., I., J. Foster, m. first Adeline Thompson—ch., 1, Hermon. I., J. Foster m. second Nettie Peck (see Peck family), m. third Maria E. Mann. II., Edmund, m. Lizzie Ward, residence Lempster—ch., 1, Cleon. III., Olive L., m. George F. Nichols (see Nichols family). IV., Trueman H., m. Anne Gowan—ch., 1, Ada.

JOHN ROBB, embarked from Scotland for the West Indies to live with a wealthy uncle, but was, by stress of weather, driven on the coast of New England, where he was detained by sickness. He became acquainted with a man who owned land in Aeworth, purchased a farm and settled upon it in 1787, m. Mary Alexander of Londonderry, d. 1799. His wife d., aged 91 years—ch., I., Mary, m. Whitefield Gilmore of Unity—ch., 1, John, m. first Margaret J. Angell; m. second Ann Augusta Beard—ch., (1) Margaret J., d. young, (2) Esther H.; 2, Noah, m. Eliza A. Slover of New York; 3, Mary E., m. Nicolas E. Sargent (see Sargent family); 4, Margaret, d. young; 5, Mindwell, d. young; 6, Bradley M., m. Clara Lane of Raymond, residence Brooklyn, N. Y.—ch., (1) Clarence B., (2) Carrie L.; 7, Rosette, m. first Asa B. Marshall, rem. to Wisconsin—ch., (1) Myra R.; m. second Charles G. Witt of Wisconsin; 8, Elizabeth J., d. unm. II., David, m. first Diana Farr, rem. to Springfield, Ill.—ch., 1, Daniel, m. Jennie Rogers, residence Nebraska City—ch., (1) Daniel, (2) ———, d. young; 2, Lucy, m. Preston Breckenridge, residence Springfield—ch., (1) David, (2) Lucy; 3, John, m. Mary Bailes—ch., (1) Mary J., m. Marshall Raines—ch., [1] John, [2] Eliza, [3] Elizabeth, (2) David, (3) Eliza E., (4) Phebe, (5) William, (6) Joseph; 4, Electa, m. Joseph Clawson; 5, William, m. Helen ———, rem. to Corydon, Iowa—ch., (1) George

D., (2) Mary D., (3) Daniel; 6, Mary J., m. Joseph Clawson—ch., (1) Lucy, (2) Samuel, (3) Emma, (4) Rosa, (5) Abram, (6) Mary J. III., Margaret, was burned to death at the time her father's house burned down. The house took fire by means of flax that had been spread to dry, while she was in the cellar, and it burned so rapidly that it was impossible for her to escape by the door, and she perished while her friends were hurrying to effect an entrance from the outside. IV., John; in physiognomy, was not unlike Daniel Webster. He was a man that could be neither driven nor flattered. He was decided in his opinions but not gifted as a public speaker. With better early advantages he might have ranked high among men of knowledge. Besides the town offices he held he was County Commissioner and State Senator. He m. Philinda Liscomb (see Liscomb family)—ch., 1, Samuel, m. Caroline ———, killed in San Francisco by the explosion of an engine in 1862; 2, Harriet, d. unm.; 3, Nancy, d. unm. V., Jane, m. John L. Liscomb (see Liscomb family).

MERRILL ROBIE, native of Springfield, s. in Aeworth, 1869, m. Emeline S. Merrill (see Merrill family).

DANIEL ROBINSON\* was of the fifth gen. in America; first gen., ———, emigrated from England, s. in Salem, Mass.; second, Joseph; third, Isaac; fourth, John. DANIEL was b. in Andover, Mass., in 1783, m. Lucy, daughter of Samuel Hills of Surrey, s. in Aeworth, 1809; was in the mercantile business thirty-six years and was a valuable member of society; d. 1856—ch., I., Lucy, b. 1808, m. Daniel M. Smith of Lempster—ch., 1, Mary L.; 2, Sarah R., d. young; 3, George M.; 4, Clara E.; 5, Clarence E., d. young; 6, Martha R. II., Sarah T., m. first Winslow Allen (see Allen family); m. second Jonathan Robinson of Keene. III., Mary L., d. young. IV., Dean D., residence Washington, D. C., m. Mary G. Parks (see Parks family)—ch., 1, Charles D., killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, 1862; 2, Helen E., m. Galen Grout (see Grout family); 3, Adeline L.; 4, Maria. V., John, m. Sarah M. Peck—ch., 1, Daniel D., b. 1860, d. young; 2, Samuel W., b. 1861.

DANIEL ROBINSON, native of New London, s. in Aeworth, 1832, m. first Lydia Doolittle—ch., I., Charles, m. Martha Brown (see Gardiner Brown family)—ch., 1, Charles; 2, Frank G.; 3, Willie. II., Ellen O., d. young. III., Ellen M., m. Homer Tracy, d. 1866. IV., Frances A., d. young. DANIEL m. second Mrs. Sarah Doane.

LIEUT. JOHN ROGERS rem. from Londonderry, N. H., to Aeworth, 1768; built the fourth log house in town. He is supposed to have been the seventh gen. from John Rogers, the martyr. The family moved to Ireland soon after the death of the martyr. He died in 1776 of camp fever, contracted in going to bring home Robert McClure, Sr., who was sick in the camp of the Continental Army. He was selectman that year, and was the

---

\* See Rev. Dr. Wright's letter.

first person buried in the old grave-yard, the site of which he had just selected, m. Jane Ewins (see Ewins family)—ch., I., James, m. Mary Markham (see Markham family), rem. to Black River County—ch., 1, Jonathan; 2, John; 3, Joseph; 4, Nancy; 5, Tamsa; 6, Ralph, is a practicing physician in Watertown, N. Y.; 7, Samuel; 8, Mary; 9, Lucy; 10, Drusilla; 11, Teresa; 12, Ann; 13, Eliza. II., Jonathan, m. first Polly Maes, residence Springfield, Vt.—ch., 1, Polly, m. Mr. Cabbot, residence Hartland, Vt.—ch., seven. II., Jonathan m. second Elizabeth Rogers—ch., 2, Maes; 3, Ephraim; 4, Nancy; 5, Alvah. III., John, m. Polly Reynolds—ch., 1, Daniel; 2, Maria; 3, Hannah; 4, John; 5, Eliza; 6, Malvina, and 7, a twin sister; 8, Stephen R.; 9, Susan H., m. Jesse Eaton—ch., (1) Samuel, (2) Mary, (3) Ella; 10, Harriet E., m. Charles P. Talbot of Lowell—ch., (1) Fannie M., (2) Edward R., (3) Julian; 11, Daniel. IV., Samuel, m. Anna Dodge, residence Syracuse, N. Y.—ch., one. V., Peter. VI., Baptist, first male child born in Aeworth, residence Dorset, Vt. VII., Hannah, m. ——— Wellman. VIII., Susannah B., m. Joseph Hemphill (see Hemphill family). IX., Nancy., m. Abner Gage, rem. to Ohio—ch., 1, Ruth; 2, John, and others. X., Elizabeth, m. Stephen Thornton (see Thornton family). XI., Esther, m. first Benjamin Hobbs (see Hobbs family); m. second, George Clark (see Clark family); m. third, Mr. Temple.

JAMES and WILLIAM ROGERS of Londonderry s. in Aeworth before 1785. JAMES m. Betsey Wilson—ch., I., Margaret. II., Thomas, d. young. III., John, d. young. IV., Jonathan, m. Jane Dickey (see Dickey family)—ch., 1, Milton. V., James, rem. to New York. VI., William. VII., Thomas, m. Susan Warner (see Warner family)—ch., 1, Martha, d. unm.; 2, George W., m. Elizabeth ——— —ch., (1) Walter. VIII., Hiram, m. Mary Wilson. IX., Theophilus, d. unm. WILLIAM m. Jenny Logan, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Findley by her first husband—ch., I., Sally. II., Betsey. III., Polly. IV., Esther. V., Robert, a soldier in the War of 1812. VI., William. VII., Daniel. VIII., John.

HORACE K. RUGG, son of Harrison Rugg of Sullivan, s. in Aeworth, 1863, m. Clara Keith of Sullivan—ch., I., Elmer II.

DANIEL A. RYDER, native of Croyden, s. in Aeworth about 1848, m. first Elizabeth A. Brigham (see Brigham family)—ch., I., Herbert D. II., Ida E. III., Clarence D. IV., Helen M. DANIEL m. second Mrs. Harriet Dunham—ch., V., Minnie, d. young.

CAPT. EDWARD SAVAGE was of the fourth gen. in America: First gen., Edward Savage, emigrated from Loudoun, Scotland, to Rutland, Mass., in 1728. According to tradition his ancestors took a prominent part with Bruce in the battle of Loudoun; second gen., Seth; third gen., Edward, who left America and went to Europe at the birth of his son, EDWARD, and death of his wife, 1786. EDWARD was adopted by his aunt Elizabeth Hartwell, who m. James Arch. He was a deserter from Burgoyne's army, and fearing arrest he threaded his way through the wilds of New Hampshire to Alstead,





Yours truly  
A. S. Rogers







PHOTOGRAPH

T. H. Savage

and there settled with his wife and adopted son, and thus young Savage, as his name imports, became a "dweller in the woods." CAPT. EDWARD SAVAGE m. first Abigail, daughter of Benjamin and Rhoda Vickery of Lempster, s. in Aeworth, 1824—ch., I., Edward II.; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Marlow, afterwards removed to Boston; appointed a member of the Boston Police Department in 1850; became Captain of Police in 1854, and Deputy Chief in 1861, which office he still holds. He is the author of a book entitled "Boston Police Recollections," m. first, Zoa Houston (see Houston family)—ch., 1, Osmer, d. young; 2, an infant, d. young; m. second Fanny M. Baker, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Baker of York, Me.—ch., 3, Edward H.; 4, Lillian F. II., James H., m. Clarissa E. Bartlett, d. 1850. CAPT. EDWARD SAVAGE m. second Mrs. Lydia (Davis) Sleeper (see Davis family), d. 1862.

ASA Sargent of New Boston s. in Aeworth, 1806, m. Martha Smith (see William Smith family)—ch., I., Judith, d. unm. II., Asa, m. Louisa Adams (see Adams family); m. second ——— Tandy, rem. to Lempster. III., Anna, d. unm. IV., ———. V., Jacob. VI., Higbee, m. Sarah G. Mayo—ch., (1) John, (2) Jacob, (3) Watson G., adopted son of Phineas Pettengill (see Pettengill family).

NICHOLAS E. SARGENT of Unity, s. in Aeworth, 1853, m. first Emeline Carey—ch., I., Emeline S., m. George Neal. He m. second Mary E. Gilmore (see Robb family).

NATHANIEL SAWYER of Groton, Mass., s. in Aeworth, 1797, m. Polly Lawrence—ch., I., Orra. II., George R., rem. to Middlesex, Vt. III., Mindwell.

RANSOM SEVERNS of Andover s. in Aeworth in 1832, rem. to Unity in 1857, m. Lorinda Currier (see Blood family)—ch., I., Flora J., m. William B. Johnson—ch., 1, Perley A. II., Barton D., m. Hattie Kendall, residence Wilmot. III., Louisa A.

JOHN SEVERNS, brother of Ransom, m. Camilla Mitchell (see Mitchell family)—ch., I., William Hayward, m. Catherine Miller.

The SILSBY family have been both numerous and prominent in town. At one time there were more voters of that name than of any other. The house of Henry Silsby, Sr., was the first inn, town-house and church. His name stands first on the church records, and on the lists of Selectmen, Moderators and Town Treasurers. His son, Jonathan, was a surveyor, and is supposed to have assisted in the first survey of the town. He fell dead one Sabbath at his pastor's gate having just performed his customary office as deacon at the communion service. LASELL was also a deacon in the Congregational Church. DEA. HENRY was tall and venerable in person and prominent in the church by reason of his piety, sound sense and zeal in religious matters. Capt. Ithiel was prominent in town affairs and in general business. Though latterly a citizen of Newton, Mass., he retained a life-long interest in his native town, and a vivid recollection of the past history of Aeworth. Had

his life been spared to have been present at the Centennial, to which, up to the day of his death, he was looking forward with great interest, his aid would have been invaluable in furnishing materials for this history. SAMUEL and HENRY SILSBY, brothers, came from Windham, Ct., to Acworth in 1769. Their grandparents were *Jonathan* and *Bethiah* Silsby; parents, *Jonathan* and *Lydia*. HENRY m. Mrs. *Bethiah* (Woodward) Lasell—ch., I., Hannah, d. unm. II., Lydia, m. Simon Stevens—ch., I, Silsby, rem. to Ohio. III, Jonathan, m. Rachel Blood (see Blood family)—ch., 1, Nathaniel, m. Polly Montgomery (see Montgomery family)—ch., (1) Lavina, m. Allen Haywood (see Haywood family), (2) Lyma, residence Lempster, m. Eli Twitchell—ch., [1] Maryanna, [2] Augusta, m. William Welch, [3] Nettie, m. Kimball Pollard, (3) Harriet, m. ——— Hurd, (4) Jonathan, m. Eunice Pike, residence Newport—ch., [1] Charles A., (5) Roxilla, m. Henry Gleason (see Gleason family), (6) Milton, m. Betsey Huntoon, (7) Roswell; 2, Joshua G., m. Polly Fisher, sister of Mrs. Alexander Grout—ch., (1) Almira, m. ——— Gleason, (2) Fisher, m. Drusilla McKeen—ch., [1] Gilson, [2] David, [3] Robert, [4] Charles, (3) Mary, m. Martin Spaulding. (4) Gilson, d. young. (5) Marvin, m. Zilpha Thornton; 3, Bethiah, m. Amos Bailey (see Bailey family); 4, Lydia, m. Larnard Thayer (see Thayer family); 5, Lyma, m. Richard Fisher—ch., (1) Roswell; 6, Henry, m. Ruth Woodbury—ch., (1) William, m. Olive Linseott—ch., [1] Maria F., [2] Olive C., [3] Laura, [4] Willie L., (2) Milon, d. young. (3) Solon, m. first Augusta Norwood; m. second Abia Chapin—ch., [1] Susan A., [2] Henry L., [3] Charles, [4] Eunice, [5] Estella, [6] George, (4) Susan L., d. unm., (5) Harvey H., m. Melinda Stearns—ch., [1] Mary, [2] George A., [3] Hattie, [4] Flora, (6) Samuel T., m. Rebecca C. Lawrence—ch., [1] Susan, [2] George, (7) Almira, m. John L. Milton. (8) Clarinda, d. unm., (9) Henry L., m. Sarah G. Campbell (see Campbell family), (10) Larinda, m. first Orville Turk; m. second——— Luther, (11) J. Amanda, m. M. T. Moore, (12) Marian M., m. ——— Walker—ch., [1] Flora, (13) George A., d. young; 7, Jonathan, m. Betsey Slader (see Slader family), graduated at Dartmouth College, 1814, graduated at Medical College, 1815, began practice in Madison, N. Y., 1817, rem. to Cazenovia, 1818, where he practiced successfully until his death, 1831—ch., (1) Mary L., m. William W. Johnson (see Johnson family), (2) Martha R., d. unm., (3) Jonathan H., d. unm.; 8, Asenath, m. Thomas Slader (see Slader family); 9, Harvey, d. unm; 10, Truman, m. Delia Twitchell—ch., (1) Henry M., m. Nancy G. Allen (see Allen family)—ch., [1] Emma D., (2), Truman M., m. Ellen M. Walker—ch., [1] Georgie A., [2] Luther II., [3] Truman E., (3) Lorinda, m. first, Amos Harding (see Harding family); m. second Freeman Pearsons (see Pearsons family). IV., Henry, d. young. V., Henry, d. unm. VI., Lasell, m. Huldah Seovile—ch., 1, Dolly, m. Joel Fletcher of Lempster—ch., (1) Ardelia, m. Jessie Miller, (2) Mary M., m. Solymon Spaulding—ch.,





*Wm. L. G. L. G.*



[1] George, d. young, [2] Henry, d. unm., (3) Samuel, m. Catherine Jones, residence Charlestown—ch., [1] Ellen, [2] Katie, d. unm., [3] Mary; 2, Lasell, m. Lucy Mayo (see Mayo family)—ch., (1) Almira, m. William H. Royce, (2) Ebenezer M., m. Mary Patroll, (3) Caroline A., m. John H. Howes—ch., [1] Arthur S.; 3, Huldah, m. first Levi Thompson—ch., (1) Arthusa, m. Lorenzo Foster; m. second Richard Colby—ch., (2) Hannah H., d. young; 4, Abigail, m. Eliphalet Bailey (see Bailey family); 5, Joseph, m. Harriet Smith—ch., (1) Vryling; 6, Esther, m. James Lawson, residence Warsaw, N. Y.—ch., (1) David M., d. unm., (2) Clarinda G., d. young, (3) Sabra C., m. David C. Martin, (4) J. Hermon, m. Henrietta E. Brown—ch., [1] Fredie D. M., [2] Frank J.; 7, Asaph, m. first Betsey E. Gipson, m. second Olive Steel, residence Upper Jay, N. Y., —ch., (1) Abigail, m. Amos L. Chase, (2) Sarah, m. first John D. Martin, m. second Amos L. Chase, (3) Lasell S. G., m. Louisa Labayteaux, (4) Russel D., m. Marinda B. Mason—ch., [1] Martha M., [2] Mary M., [3] Ellen M., [4] Betsey J., [5] Ithiel M., (5) Ithiel S., d. unm., (6) Betsey P., m. Luther Ainsworth—ch., [1] Ida, [2] Everad, [3] Ithiel, [4] Inah, (7) Nancy J., m. Eleazer M. Williams, (8) Asaph M., m. Abigail Clifford—ch., [1] Effie M., [2] Addie M., [3] Olive B., [4] John O., (9) John W., d. unm.; 8, Ozias, m. Louisa Wells—ch., (1) Maria C., m. Nelson Hassom—ch., [1] Arthur B., [2] Louisa M., [3] Laura A., [4] Charles N., [5] Emma J., [6] Walter E., (2) Edwin S., m. Ednah B. Hackett—ch., [1] Caroline L., [2] Amanda E., [3] Homer, (3) Richard C., m. Wealthy B. Houston—ch., [1] Ithiel, [2] Clara A., (4) Simeon W., d. young. (5) Susan B., m. Moses L. Field—ch., [1] Wesley O., [2] Waldo. VII., Eliphaz, m. Esther Scoville—ch., 1, Hannah, m. James Straw—ch., (1) Eliphaz, m. ———— —ch., [1] Lysander, (2) Esther, m. Asa Gould—ch., [1] Clarence H., [2] Adaline, (3) Anna S., (4) Hannah, m. David Snow—ch., [1] Edwin M., [2] Marietta F., [3] Andrew F., [4] Albert D., [5] Elbridge W.; 2, Florenda, m. Harvey Liscomb (see Liscomb family); 3, Ithiel, m. Hannah Gregg (see Gregg family)—ch., (1) Levi H., m. first Caroline Stevens, m. second Harriet ————, (2) Anna S., d. young, (3) Ithiel H., m. Eleanor Merrill, daughter of Rev. Joseph Merrill—ch., [1] Homer M., (4) Hamilton R., d. unm., (5) Mary B., m. John G. Latta—ch., [1] Lillie, [2] Florence, [3] Mary C. VIII., Ozias, m. first Mary Dearborn, m. second Fanny Jones, residence Hillsboro—ch., 1, Almira; 2, Mary; 3, Frances A.; 4, Lucinda; 5, Hannah; 6, Martha; 7, Caroline; 8, Charlotte; 9, George; 10, Thomas. The children of SAMUEL SILSBY were I., Julius. II., Augustus. III., Eusebius. IV., Betsey. V., Sarah. VI., Karon. VII., Bridget. Of these only Eusebius lived in Acworth any length of time. III., Eusebius, m. Sally Grout (see Grout family)—ch., 1, Frederic; 2, Eusebius; 3, Mindwell, m. Issachar Mayo (see Mayo family); 4, Sally; 5, Philenda; 6, Sophia, m. Robert Clark (see Clark family); 7, Joseph G., m. Polly Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch.,

(1) Pamela, m. first Gardner Durant, m. second Joseph Weston—ch., [1] Joseph, d. young, [2] Anna, (2) Julia, m. Milton P. Thornton (see Thornton family).

THOMAS SOUTHARD s. in Acworth previous to 1785, m. Eliza ——— ch., I., Eliza, m. Samuel Putnam of Charlestown—ch., 1, Eliza J., m. Prentiss P. Bowen—ch., (1) Jennette, m. Asa W. Harriman—ch., [1] Carrie J., [2] Isabel; 2, Samuel, m. Annette Minor—ch., (1) Wesley, (2) Aaron S., (3) Alice; 3, James, m. Susan Dinsmore—ch., (1) Susan, (2) Caroline, (3) Fred; 4, Parthena, m. Gilman Bowen—ch., (1) Sarah, m. Charles Willard, (2) Eliza, (3) George; 5, Lucinda, d. unm.; 6, Caroline, d. unm. II., James, m. Hannah Wilcox, daughter of Mrs. Hannah (Miriam) Wilcox (see Hayward family), residence Haverhill. III., Moses, and IV., Aaron, (twins), residence Haverhill. III., Moses m. first, Nancy King (see King family)—ch., 1, Solon, m. Berintha Merrill—ch., (1) George, d. in army, (2) Franklin, m. second Melissa Eastman—ch., (3) Sumner, (4) Moses, (5) Aaron; 2, Caroline, d. young; 3, Lyman, m. first Jane Backus—ch., (1) Mary Ellen; m. second Hitty Kimball—ch., (2) Mattie, (3) Charles; 4, Franklin, d. young; 5, George, d. young. IV., Aaron, m. Jennie T. Finlay (see Finlay family)—ch., 1, Samuel F.; 2, Eliza, m. Henry D. Page—ch., (1) Jane, (2) Kato; 3, Ann Jane, m. Nathaniel M. Page of Haverhill; 4, Joseph, d. young; 5, Kate, m. John W. Morse—ch., (1) Kate. V., Lucinda. VI., Jerusha.

Samuel Slader whose descendants are supposed to be the only persons spelling the name with a "d" instead of a "t," emigrated to Hingham, Mass., from one of the interior counties of England, about 1725, m. Mary Wilder, an American—ch., Thomas, Edward, Samuel, and Sarah. Thomas and Edward were soldiers in the army. Only Samuel left descendants. He m. Mehitable Lewis, daughter of John Lewis, and s. in Windham, Ct., and afterwards in Acworth in 1780. In addition to the usual trials of frontier life his family suffered severely from sickness. When his children, Mercy and Zenas, in 1788, were buried, he was the only one of the family able to follow them to the grave. He was elected deacon of the Congregational Church but died in a few months afterwards, in 1790. His son Thomas was elected deacon in his stead, a quiet, unassuming man, but universally respected and possessing a judgment much relied upon. He died in 1814 and his brother Edward succeeded to the office of deacon, and was faithful and zealous through the revivals under Mr. Cooke's ministry, dying soon after Mr. Cooke left in 1833. After a lapse of years, Zenas, the son of Thomas, succeeded to the deacon's office which he still holds. Thus the family has been prominent in the church. It has also been prominent in town affairs, two of the sons and six of the grandsons of Samuel Slader having represented their town or district in either branch of the Legislature. Another son, Samuel, was first postmaster in town and held the office nearly thirty years. The ch. of SAMUEL SLADER were: I., Mehitable, m. Joshua



*Thomas Stedder*







*Thomas Sluder*

Booth of Lempster—ch., 1, Alfred ; 2, Truman, m. Sophia Spencer—ch., (1) Emiline, m. George A. Purmont—ch., [1] Lucius A., (2) Harriet, m. Lucius Wright—ch., [1] Ella, [2] Charles, (3) Arvilla, m. Elkanah M. Alexander (see Alexander family), (4) Almond, m. Ellen Travers ; 3, Oliver, m. Eunice Smith—ch., (1) Silas, m. Alice Gunnison—ch., five, (2) Joshua, m. Mary Gunnison—ch., three ; 4, Mason, m. Mary Currier—ch., (1) Samuel, (2) Fidelia, (3) Mary S., (4) Jennett, (5) Ellen F. II., Thomas, m. Hannah Holden of Groton, Mass.—ch., 1, Lucinda, m. Nathaniel Grout (see Grout family) ; 2, Thomas, m. first Philharmia Grout (see Grout family)—ch., (1) Patty, m. Joseph Hayward (see Hayward family), (2) Betsey, d. young, (3) Philharmia H., d. young ; Thomas m. second Asenath Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., (4) Milon H., (5) Nathaniel S., d. young, (6) Roswell ; Thomas m. third Mrs. Hardy, d. 1865 ; 3, Lewis, m. Nancy Wilson (see Wilson family)—ch., (1) Zenas, (2) Orville L., m. Mary L. Gray (see McClure family), rem. to Rutland, Vt.—ch., [1] Arthur R., b. 1856, [2] Henry L., [3] Mary E., b. 1868 ; 4, Mery, b. 1790, m. Thomas Mitchell (see Mitchell family) ; 5 Hannah, m. Frederic Stebbins (see Stebbins family) ; 6, Jesse, besides holding numerous town offices has represented his district in the State Senate, m. Nancy Finlay (see Finlay family)—ch., (1) Lucy, m. Warren Alden of Alstead—ch., [1] Mary E., [2] Walter and [3] Willie, d. young, (twins), [4] Lizzie E. L., (2) Grenville C., d. in Union army at Columbus, Ky., 1863, m. Eliza V. Banks—ch., [1] Carrie H., [2] Jesse W., [3] Mabel R., (3) Thomas, d. unm., (4) Cornelia J., m. Lyman Buswell (see Buswell family), (5) Nancy, d. unm., (6) Jesse F., rem. to New York city, (7) Samuel ; 7, Camilla, d. young ; 8, Zenas, deacon in Congregational Church, m. Melintha Wilson (see Wilson family)—ch., (1) Anna E., b. 1823, m. D. H. Nourse (see Nourse family), (2) Dean C., m. Finette A. Franklin—ch., (1) Anna B., residence Nebraska, (3) Sylvanus V., d. unm., (4) Sarah J., m. first, Smith—ch., [1] Frank, m. second David McDonald, residence De Sota, Nebraska—ch., [2] Mary, [3] Rollo, [4] Harry, and [5] Carrie, (twins), (5) Carrie D., m. Milon M. Warner (see Warner family), (6) Norman G., rem. to Nebraska, (7) Joseph W., rem. to Nebraska, (8) Charles L., rem. to Nebraska, m. Roxanna Franklin—ch., [1] Carrie M., [2] Edgar F., (9) Philetta M., (10) Mary E., d. young ; 9, Lucina, m. Aaron Crosby of Springfield, Ill. III., Olive, m. Darius Liscomb (see Liscomb family). IV., Sarah, d. unm. V., Mery, d. unm. VI., Edward, m. first Lucy Grout (see Grout family), was deacon in Congregational Church—ch., 1, Betsey, m. Dr. Jonathan Silsby (see Silsby family) ; 2, Lucy, m. Nathaniel Warner (see Warner family) ; 3, Sally, m. first David Thornton of Lempster (see Thornton family), m. second, Charles Fay, residence Lempster ; 4, Edward A., rem. to Nashua, m. Almira S. Huntoon—ch., (1) Louisa A., (2) Ellen A., d. young ; 5, Polly, d. young ; 6, Lucinda, d. young ; 7, Emeline, a teacher in Pennsylvania. VI., Edward, m. second Mrs. Mary Moore (see Moore family). VII.,

Zenas, d. young. VIII., Samuel, m. Phebe Bridges (see Mitchel family)—ch., 1, Corinna. IX., Desire, m. James Campbell (see Campbell family). X., John L., m. Ruth Stebbins (see Stebbins family)—ch., 1, Almon, d. young; 2, Huron, m. first Mary A. Parker, m. second Mary M. Knights—ch., (1) Mary A.; 3, Amos S., m. Elizabeth Thompson—ch., (1) Amos; 4, Elizabeth G., m. John S. Clark—ch., (1) Mary E., (2) Milton J., (3) George M., m. Augusta Averill, (4) Calista; 5, Samuel L., m. Mary L. Loomis—ch., (1) Stella M.; 6, John M., d. unm.; 7, Almon, m. Elizabeth Dolloff—ch., (1) Mary J., m. Walter Glynes—ch., [1] Lizzie Mary; 8, Calista R. XI., Hannah, b. 1788, m. Winslow Copeland (see Copeland family), d. 1865.

SAMUEL SMITH came to Acworth from Ashford, Ct., in 1769, m. Mehitable Wadkins, sister of Mrs. Ephraim Keyes—ch., I., Samuel, taught the first school in town. He lived in Acworth only a few years, rem. to Lyme about 1773, where he m. first Sarah Grant and moved to Fairlee, where he was elected town clerk in 1780 and was yearly re-elected to that office until 1820—ch., 1, Jedediah; 2, Sarah, d. unm.; 3, Grant, m. first Christianna Ormsby—ch., (1) Anna, d. young; m. second Esther Bartholomew—ch., (2) Solon G.; m. third Rebecca Swift—ch., (3) Mary, d. young, (4) Mary, (5) Myron, (6) Harlan P., (7) an infant, d. young, (8) Newton, (9) Sheridan; 4, Lucy, m. Alvan Hammond, was present at the Centennial, from Fairlee, Vt., being 89 years of age—ch., (1) Priscilla, d. unm., (2) Harriet, (3) Samuel L., m. Abiah Dame—ch., [1] George L., m. Marinda Emerson—ch., George D., [2] Lorenza D., m. Mrs. Sarah Colby—ch., Katie A. and Eugene C., [3] Gilman S., d. unm., [4] Nathan H., d. unm., [5] Elizabeth L., (4) Nathaniel K., d. unm., (5) George, d. young, (6) Alvan, m. Elizabeth Miles; 5, Samuel, d. unm.; 6, Anna, d. young. I., Samuel, m. second Mrs. Asa Davis (see Graham family). II., Mehitable. III., Jedediah, m. first Anna Gustin of Marlow, m. second Sarah Webster, rem. to Langdon—ch., 1, Oliver; 2, Sally; 3, Roxy; 4, Annie; 5, Ransom; 6, Joseph; 7, Rockwell. IV., Jerusha. V., Eli, m. Eunice Sawyer, sister of Nathaniel Sawyer—ch., 1, Cynthia, d. young; 2, Achsah, m. Samuel Clark (see Clark family); 3, Jerusha, killed by lightning; 4, Elias, d. unm.; 5, Eunice, and 6, Anna (twins); 6, Anna, d. young. VI., Edward, m. Polly Bryant, sister of John Bryant (see Moore family), rem. to Orford—ch., 1, Ransom; 2, Roswell; 3, Samuel; 4, Mindwell; 5, Stillman; 6, Gardiner; 7, Charles. VII., Ransom, m. Lettice Markham (see Markham family), rem. to Genesee, N. Y. VIII., Olive, b. Nov. 29, 1769, third child b. in Acworth, m. — Dewey.

WILLIAM, DAVID, REUBEN, and MARTHA SMITH, all of whom lived in Acworth, were of the third gen. in this country. David Smith, their grandfather, came from Ireland to Londonderry and afterwards s. in New Boston. He and one of his neighbors were once attacked by seven Indians, the neighbor was soon wounded, and three of the Indians proceeded to bind him,





*O. L. Flader.*



while the remaining four fell upon Smith, who bravely defended himself, and nearly killed one of the savages by striking him with a gun which he had wrenched from his hands. He was speedily overcome and bound, and loading him with their plunder they started for Canada. He, however, liberated himself and his companion during the first night and escaped. He was the father of nineteen children by two wives, of whom David was the father of those who s. in Aeworth. MARTHA, m. Asa Sargent (see Sargent family). Another sister, m. Benjamin Poland, who came to Aeworth from New Boston about 1800—ch., I., John. II., Benjamin. Mr. P. rem. to Langdon. DAVID, m. Eleanor Giddings, daughter of Joseph Giddings of New Boston—ch., I., David, m. Ruth Whittemore, rem. to New Boston—ch., 1, John ; 2, David ; 3, Aaron ; 4, Mary A. II., John, d. in the U. S. service in 1814. III., Joseph G., residence Unity, m. first Lucy Howe (see Howe family)—ch., 1, Lyra, m. Charles W. Bingham of Gilsum—ch., (1) Luella, (2) Charlie W., (3) Joe, (4) Nellie ; 2, Sidney, m. Lydia Abel ; 3, Joseph, m. Hannah Agan—ch., (1) Lucy, (2) Emeline, (3) Ashby, (4) Thomas ; 4, Alonzo ; 5, Thomas, d. young ; 6, Thomas J., m. Sarah Falls—ch., (1) Leonora ; 7, David ; 8, Lucy, m. Edwin O. Smith—ch., (1) George L. ; 9, George, m. Sarah Fields—ch., (1) Jennie. III., Joseph G., m. second, Elizabeth Young (see Young family)—ch., 10, Irzanna E. ; 11, Emily, m. Edward L. Gates ; 12, Levi A., m. Addie Johnson—ch., (1) Freeman J. ; 13, Freeman ; 14, James F. IV., Jerry, m. Susan Currier (see Currier family)—ch., 1, John ; 2, Eleanor ; 3, Dinsmore ; 4, Emily ; 5, Adams ; 6, Joseph ; 7, Fannie. V., Ami, m. Lydia Butler, rem. to Hillsborough—ch., 1, Eliza A. ; 2, John ; 3, ——— ; 4, Ellen ; 5, Cynthia. VI., Alexander, m. first, Susan Ayres, rem. to Hillsborough—ch., 1, Dexter ; 2, James ; 3, Susan M. ; 4, Jefferson, m. second, Mrs. Fannie ———. VII., Luke, m. Wealthy Ayres—ch., 1, George ; 2, Wealthy M. ; 3, Mark ; 4, Charles. Luke, m. second, Mrs. Sarah G. (Mayo) Sargent (see Mayo family). VIII., Elizabeth, m. first, Hugh Wilson of Hillsborough—ch., 1, James ; 2, David ; 3, Eleanor ; 4, Jefferson ; 5, Mary ; 6, Roseltha ; 7, Levi ; m. second, Henry McClure (see McClure family). IX., Rufus, rem. to Hillsborough. X., an infant, d. young. XI., Linna, d. young. XII., Levi, became a Baptist minister, preached in Pittsfield, Vt., m. Amelia Morse. XIII., Francis, m. ——— Smith, rem. to Rockingham. WILLIAM, b. 1768, s. in Aeworth 1796, m. Jane Montgomery (see Montgomery family)—ch., I., John, b. 1793, rem. to Unity, m. Olive Orcutt (see Orcutt family)—ch., 1, Sophina ; 2, William ; 3, Kilburn ; 4, Harley ; 5, Sarah J. ; 6, John G. II., Hugh, d. young. III., Mary, d. young. IV., Kimball, m. Angelia Cummings (see Cummings family)—ch., 1, Miles, b. 1826, m. first Lucy Lawton (see Howe family)—ch., (1) Ida, m. second, Thankful Fletcher—ch., (2) Angie L., (3) Jennie M., residence Springfield ; 2, Willard M., practiced dentistry at Littleton and now practices at Claremont ; 3, Ruth J., m. George Chapman (see Chapman family) ; 4, Melvin, m. L. Jennie Gleason,

residence Wheaton, Ill.—ch., (1) Lena J. ; 5, Azuba A., m. Charles Lawton (see Lawton family); 6, Arabella, m. Harvey Lincoln (see Lincoln family). V., William, d. young. VI., Silsby, residence Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., m. Sophia Cummings (see Cummings family)—ch., 1, Emeline; 2, Dean; 3, Page. VII., Reuben, residence Unity, m. Nancy Dow—ch., 1, Sarah L. ; 2, Mary G. ; 3, George W. VIII., Clarissa, m. Willard Carlton (see Dean Carlton family). IX., Nehemiah M., m. Isabella Boyington.

JOSEPH E. SMITH of Gilsum s. in Acworth, 1867, m. Mary E. Livermore—ch., I., John W. II., Charles F. III., Ida M. IV., Henry E.

HAZADIAH SMITH came from Beverly, Mass., to Acworth, 1790, rem. to Ashtabula, Ohio, 1810, m. Lois Woodbury (see Zechariah Woodbury family)—ch., I., Judith. II., Nabby. III., Rebecca. IV., Lydia. V., Hezekiah. VI., Samuel C.

THOMAS SMITH s. in Acworth, 1866, m. Almira Chase—ch., I., Ora. II., Norman. III., Alba.

JOHN M. SMITH came from Hopkinton to Acworth in 1862, m. Catherine A. Stevens—ch., I., Georgianna. II., Martha C.

HENRY SMITH came from Marlow to Acworth, 1800, m. Rebecca Bixby—ch., I., Harry, m. Eunice Smith—ch., 1, Hannah, m. David Nash of Alstead—ch., (1) Martha. II., Edward, m. Elizabeth Beaverstock—ch., 1, Sarah. III., Joel, m. Judith Collins—ch., 1, Wilbur; 2, Edward E.; 3, Franklin; 4, ———; 5, Arthur. IV., Mindwell, m. Nehemiah Flint of Walpole—ch., 1, Lucy, m. Thomas Felch—ch., (1) Augustus, (2) Irving. V., N. Gardiner, m. Eleanor Signal—ch., 1, George W. VI., Franklin A., m. Sarah Collins—ch., 1, Electa, m. Gilman Temple; 2, Henry; 3, Nancy, m. Freeman Hoyt; 4, Betsey; 5, Sarah A. VII., Phebe, m. Hiram Hudson of Keene.

CHARLES A. SNOW came to Acworth from Charlestown, 1865, m. Susan O. Pond (see Pond family)—ch., I., Charles E. II., George E., d. young. III., Mary J. IV., William E. V., Lucy E. H. VI., Clarence L.

AARON W. SPARLING m. Mary Bailey (see Bailey family)—ch., I., Marvin, d. young. II., Julia A., d. young. III., Ladoiska, m. Charles E. Spencer. IV., Laura E., d. young.

MEHUMAN STEBBINS came from Ashford, Ct., to Acworth about 1771, m. Hannah Keyes (see Keyes family). They were the first couple married in town. Every person in town was present at their marriage, which was at Henry Silsby's during the Sabbath service—ch., I., Elizabeth, d. young. II., Amos II., residence Rutland, N. Y., m. Mrs. Hannah Keyes—ch., 1, Cornelia, m. ——— Munson—ch., (1) Henry, (2) Frank. III., Ruth, d. young. IV., Ruth, m. John L. Slader (see Slader family). V., Hannah, m. John Grout (see Grout family). VI., Mehuman, d. unm. at Berlin, Vt. VII., Frederic, m. Hannah Slader (see Slader family), residence Northfield, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary L., m. ——— Ellis; 2, Anson, m. first Ade-

line Strong—ch., (1) Edwina; m. second Emily Strong—ch., (2) George A., d. young; m. third Mrs. Maria D. Norton—ch., (3) Freddie A.; 3, Cornelia, m. W. C. Woodbury (see Woodbury family); 4, Camilla F., m. Samuel F. Hayden of Ohio—ch., (1) George S., (2) William C.; 5, Juliette E., m. ——— Ellis of Northfield, Vt.; 6, Amos H., m. first Louise Forbush, m. second Allie Forbush—ch., (1) Jennie G., (2) Ella L., (3) Eda, (4) Carrie A.; 7, Orson F., m. Pamela Baldwin—ch., (1) Freddie A., (2) Juliett S. VIII., Kaross, d. young. IX., Derrick, d. unm. X., Reynolds, m. ———, residence Carrolton, Ky.

ENOCH STEVENS of Salem s. in Acworth, 1791, rem. to Ohio in 1810, m. Hannah Woodbury (see Zachariah Woodbury family)—ch., I., Martha, m. Dr. Benjamin Gates (see Gates family). II., Seth, drowned in the millpond. III., Elsie, m. ——— Curtiss. IV., Judith. V., Hannah, m. ——— Burrows. VI., William, m. ——— Burbank. VII., Virginia. VIII., Rebecca. IX., Isaac. X., Hammond. XI., Cynthia.

WILLIAM J. STEVENS, a native of Salisbury, s. in Acworth, 1865, m. Cynthia Young (see Young family)—ch., I., George W. II., Eliza J. III., Harriet C., d. young. IV., Ira W. V., Hattie C. VI., Ruth E. VII., William H.

OLIVER STUDLEY b. in Wrentham, Mass., 1788, m. Elizabeth Gould, daughter of William Gould of Reading, Mass., s. in Acworth, 1815, rem. to Lancaster, Mass., in 1843; was deacon in the Congregational Church while in Acworth. He was a useful man; his influence, especially over the young, was strong and promotive of religion and good morals—ch., I., Frederic G., b. 1812, m. Mary E. Harmon of Portland, Me.—ch., I., George R.; 2, Edward A., d. unm.; 3, Sarah A., residence Cleveland, O. II., Warren, m. Elizabeth Morton of Bristol, Me.—ch., 1, James W.; 2, Sarah E., m. B. F. Mead of New York. III., Harriet S., m. James H. Harmon of Portland, Me.—ch., 1, Elizabeth H., m. Charles W. Holden of Boston; 2, George A.; 3, Caroline M., m. Robert B. Swift of Philadelphia; 4, Charles H., d. young; 5, Alice B., d. young. IV., George W., d. unm. V., Elizabeth M., m. William Sheer of Watertown, N. Y., residence San Francisco—ch., 1, Theodora. VI., Otis, m. Elizabeth Cook, residence Brooklyn, N. Y.—ch., 1, Thomas C.; 2, Jennie, d. young; 3, John. VII., Sarah M., m. Charles J. Strout of Gorham, Me., residence Lancaster, Mass.—ch., 1, Charles O.; 2, Frederic H., d. young; 3, George S. VIII., Hiram, m. Elvira Shorey, residence New York—ch., 1, Hattie B.; 2, George B.; 3, Ella D.; 4, Carrie L., d. young. IX., Emily, m. Charles A. Codman of Boston, residence Thompson Station, L. I. X., Caroline, b. 1830, m. Charles W. Haynes of Bolton, Mass.—ch., 1, Willie O.

SARGENT STRAW, afterwards SARGENT SYMONDS, was b. in Sandown, m. first, ——— Richardson, s. in Acworth 1820—ch., I., Lois, m. Stephen Gould of Greenfield—ch., 1, Mary M., m. Orna B. Burnham (see Burnham family); 2, John S., d. young; 3, Franklin K., d. young; 4, Alma

L., d. young ; 5, Harriet D., m. first James Dunbar, m. second Erastus Austin ; 6, Rachel A., d. young ; 7, William H., m. Nancy J. Lewis ; 8, Lois A. A., d. young ; 9, Cynthia M., m. Wm. Wood of Alstead ; 10, Henry G., d. young. II., Abigail, m. Capt. James Patterson of Greenfield. III., Rachel, m. Frederic A. Dyke, their daughter Rachel S., m. John D. Bradford (see Bradford family). IV., Harriet, m. Willard Cram (see Cram family). V., John S., m. Mary E. Dickey (see Dickey family)—ch., 1, Dean, m. Edna M. Boyce—ch., (1) Mary E. ; 2, Harriet, m. first Christopher McAdams—ch., (1) Hattie, m. second Charles Wheeler (see Wheeler family) ; 3, Almira, m. Rufus Howe (see Howe family) ; 4, John ; 5, Marion ; 6, George ; 7, Eugene. SARGENT SYMONDS, m. second Sarah Gould—ch., VI., Cynthia, m. Benj. Gregg (see Gregg family). VII., Samuel F., m. Mary R. Mayo (see Mayo family)—ch., 1, John F., d. unm. ; 2, Benson, d. young ; 3, Omi. VIII., Sylvester, m. Mary J. Whittemore—ch., 1, Frank, d. young ; 2, Charles S. ; 3, Harriet S. ; 4, Irving ; 5, Myrtie B. IX., Mary A., m. Daniel Gay (see Gay family). X., Louisa, m. first Cyrus Richardson—ch., 1, Sarah M., m. Francis P. Fletcher (see Fletcher family) ; 2, Ellen ; 3, Josephine. Louisa, m. second Horace Buswell (see Buswell family). XI., Almira, m. Thomas Batchelor (see Batchelor family).

ORIN TAYLOR s. in Acworth, m. first Charlotte M. Hayward (see Hayward family)—ch., I., Lucy. II., Sumner, m. Almira Johnson (see Johnson family). III., Lauretta, m. Herbert Miller, residence Charlestown—ch., 1, Charles O. IV., Barnet C. F., d. young, m. second, Deborah Kidder—ch., V., Lura. VI., Lunette.

THOMAS TEMPLETON, came from Francistown to Acworth in 1802, m. Polly Spear—ch., I., Dolly, m. Thomas Richardson, residence Topsham, Vt. II., Mathew, rem. to Topsham, m. ————ch., 1, Hannah ; 2, Mathew. III., Jane. IV., Peggy, m. Henry Barney, residence Windham, Vt.—ch., 1, Polly ; 2, Nancy ; 3, Manoris ; 4, Pamela. V., Polly, d. unm. VI., Sally, d. unm. VII., Moses, m. Tryphosa Pierce of Alstead—ch., 1, Angeline J. ; 2, Allen T. ; 3, Mary S. ; 4, Electa A. ; 5, Almira C. ; 6, Henry W. ; 7, Charles A. VIII., Betsey, m. Willard Emery, residence Plymouth, Vt.—ch., 1, Charles ; 2, James ; 3, Moses ; 4, Willard. IX., Fanny.

Daniel, LARNED, Ezekiel, PETER, Hannah, Patty, Huldah, and Esther, were the children of Ezekiel and Huldah Thayer of Bellingham, Mass. LARNED and PETER THAYER, s. in Acworth, 1796, LARNED, m. first Polly Parnel—ch., I., Joseph, m. Marinda Fenn—ch., 1, George, m. Mary Brewer—ch., (1) George, rem. to Danby, Ill. ; 2, Lucy, m. Oscar L. Babbit of Castleton, Vt.—ch., (1) Jennie ; 3, William, d. in U. S. service in late war ; 4, Helen, d. young. II., Ezekiel, m. Mary Atwood—ch., 1, Charles B., d. young ; 2, Elizabeth A., m. S. J. Kelso of Ohio—ch., (1) Ella H., (2) Clinton, (3) Mary, (4) Amelia J., (5) Rosa L., (6) Elsie E. ; 3, Joseph, d. young ; 4, Edward C., d. unm. ; 5, Amelia A. ; 6, James M.,

d. unm. ; 7, ——— d. young ; 8, John, d. young ; 9, ——— d. young ; 10, Elsie M. III., Polly, d. unm. LARNED, m. second, Lydia Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., IV., Larned, m. Serena Fay—ch., 1, Henry, m. Sarah J. Allen—ch., (1) Albert L., (2) Jennie S. ; 2, Julia, m. William Raymond of Winchendon, Mass.—ch., (1) George L. V., Ithiel, d. young. VI., Lima, m. Harvey Howard (see Howard family). VII., Sophia, m. Thomas Prentiss of Alstead—ch., 1, Frederic, m. Gratia A. Chatterton—ch., (1) Mary S., (2) Harvey E. ; 2, Luella ; 3, Estella. VIII., Adeline, m. Paschal Banks of Alstead—ch., 1, Charles, d. young. PETER THAYER, m. Abigail Blake—ch., I., Lucy, m. first, Schuyler Parks—ch., 1, George ; 2, Elizabeth ; 3, Otis ; Lucy, m. second, Vernon Palmer—ch., 4, Allen ; 5, Adeline ; 6, Henrietta. II., Nancy, m. Calvin Tucker—ch., 1, Albert ; 2, James ; 3, Eliphalet ; 4, John ; 5, Ellen ; 6, Charles ; 7, George ; 8, Herbert. III., Fisher, m. first, Eliza Rand—ch., 1, Helen ; m. second, Mary Roberts—ch., 2, Mary F. ; 3 Charles ; m. third, Rhoda Albree. IV., Warren, m. Pamela Jackson (see Jackson family)—ch., 1, William M., m. Maria Marvin—ch., (1) Myrtie, d. young, (2) Walter, (3) Warren A. ; 2, Erskine D., d. young ; 3, Laura E., m. Rev. S. L. Gerould of Goffstown—ch., (1) John H. ; 4, Leonard E. ; 5, Hiram O., d. in army ; 6, Daniel J. ; 7, Annie L. ; 8, Hattie M. ; 9, Lyman H. V., Abigail, m. Rensselaer Tupper—ch., 1, Charles ; 2, Mary ; 3, Adeline ; 4, Ellen ; 5, Emma ; 6, John. VI., Huldah. VII., Peter B., m. Mary Kent—ch., 1, Harvey Kent. He was born in Alstead but spent his boyhood in Acworth, graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1847, ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Garland, Me., in 1848, with which people he has labored up to the present time. VIII., Belinda, m. Jacob B. Rand—ch., 1, Herbert ; 2, Douglass ; 3 George ; 4, Alonzo ; 5, Nettie ; 6, Nellie.

PHILO THAYER, m. Bathsheba Bullard, came from Swanzey to Acworth in 1817, rem. to Chelsea, Vt., 182—ch. I. Hopewell, m. Jonas Blood (see Blood family). II., Theron, m. Rebecca Whitney (see Whitney family)—ch., 1, Perilla ; 2, Mary ; 3, Calista ; 4, Emma ; 5, Harriet. III., Luther B., rem. to Pittsford Vt.

STEPHEN THORNTON, native of Gloucester, R. I., probably came to Acworth from Ashford, Ct., previous to 1785, m. first Elizabeth Rogers, 1783 (see Rogers family), m. second Zilpha Haven—ch., I., Sally, m. Richard Clark of Langdon—ch., 1, Corinna F., m. William Logan ; 2, Horace F., m. Caroline Bissell—ch., (1) Jane, (2) Levi, (3) Carrie, (4) Mary ; 3, R. Hammond, m. first Lucinda Baker, m. second Oliva Dexter—ch., (1) Stephen, (2) Lucinda, (3) Abbie ; 4, Harvey T., m. first Charlotte Earl, m. second Delia Boyce—ch., (1) Martha, m. H. H. Earl—ch., [1] Etta, [2] Eddie, (2) Harriet, (3) Sarah, (4) Zilpha, (5) Dorcas ; 5, Sumner O., m. Marian White, residence Garden City, Minn.—ch., (1) Merrill M., m. Lavinia M. Fall, residence Minnesota—ch., [1] Harry, (2) Abbie E., (3) Lilly M., (4) Rose A., d. young ; 6, Sarah J., m. William M. White, resi-

dence Washington County, N. Y.—ch., (1) Celicia, d. young, (2) Sophia, (3) Corinna, m. Hosea Pierce of New York—ch., [1] Grace A., (4) Elsie, (5) Sabra, (6) Hatty, (7) Louisa, (8) Harvey, (9) Sumner, (10) Julia, (11) Franklin, (12) Merrill, d. young; 7, Stephen, m. Lavinia Lord, residence Warehouse Point, Ct.—ch., (1) Horace and three others. II., John, m. Lucy Corbin—ch., 1, Clement C., m. first Elsie Stevens—ch., (1) John, m. Helen Dudley, residence West Concord—ch., [1] Cbra Bell, (2) Sarah E., d. unm., (3) Albert C., m. Mary E. Newell—ch., [1] Ida M., [2] Bertie, [3] Jennie A., residence Woodstock, Vt., (4) Stephen M., m. Annie Gilson of New York, where they reside, (5) George H., d. in army, (6) Clement C., m. Ellen M. Smith, residence Grantham, (7) Charles E.; 1, Clement, m. second Ann Bartlen—ch., (8) Norman C., (9) Thomas J., (10) David A., (11) George H., (12) Benjamin F., (13) Sullivan C.; 2, Elizabeth A., d. young; 3, Ann, m. first Erastus Carpenter—ch., (1) Frank, d. young, (2) Erastus; m. second Jonathan Lines; 4, Sabra, m. Solon Blanchard (see Blanchard family); 5, Milton P., m. Julia Silsby (see Silsby family)—ch., (1) Ellen P., (2) Charles M., (3) Anna. III., Jesse Thornton, m. first Betsey Campbell (see Campbell family), rem. to Moretown, Vt.—ch., 1, Stephen C., m. Sarah Bulkeley, residence Middlesex, Vt.—ch., five; 2, Chastina B., m. Cyrus C. Spaulding—ch., (1) Justin, d. young, (2) Elvira, (3) Justin L., m. Ada Styles, (4) Jesse T., residence Bloomington, Ill.; 3, George A., m. first Nancy Ashley—ch., (1) Nancy J., m. Charles Dutton; m. second Eliza M. Bulkeley—ch., (2) Lizzie; 4, Zilpha H., m. Marvin F. Silsby (see Silsby family); 5, Samantha J., m. Moses Davis, residence Lempster—ch., (1) Julia A., m. George Heard of Lempster, (2) Cornelia J., d. young, (3) George E. III., Jesse m. second Lorinda Carpenter—ch., 6, Sylvester, d. young; 7, Nancy A., m. G. H. Crossett. III., Jesse m. third Phebe Moxon. IV., Baptist, d. unm. V., Stephen, m. Peggy Wallace (see Wallace family)—ch., 1, Solon; 2, Sumner; 3, Chastina; 4, John. VI., Doreas, m. Edward Woodbury (see Woodbury family). VII., Ariel. VIII., Calvin. IX., David, m. Sally Slader (see Slader family)—ch., 1, Solon, m. first Malanca Bryant, m. second Cordelia Tilden—ch., (1) Charles S., (2) Hattie T.; 2, George, m. first Mary E. Thrasher—ch., (1) Alice; m. second Anna A. Mann—ch., (2) George A., (3) Frank E., (4) David, (5) Mary E., (6) Helen L., (7) Jennie M.; 3, Orson H., m. Mary L. Maynard—ch., (1) Orson L., (2) Edward A., (3) Frank E., (4) Julia W., (5) Mary E.; 4, Charles, m. Caroline Luce; 5, Sarah E.; 6, Mary E., m. Charles E. Fay—ch., (1) Edward A., (2) Albert T.; 7, Edward, m. Georgianna Maynard; 8, Martha, m. Carlos C. Wellman—ch., 1, Frank E. X., Lucy, m. John Keyes (see Keyes family). XI., Elizabeth, d. young.

DUREN TINKER of Lyme, Ct., s. in Acworth in 1802, afterwards rem. to Marlow, m. first Polly Lanphier—ch., I., Richard, m. Orpah Gale, of whose children Willard m. Emily George and s. in Acworth (see George



family)—ch., (1) Delphine L. II., Betsey, m. Rawson Angier (see Angier family). DUREN m. second Betsey Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., III., Mary, d. young. IV., Duren. V., Nancy.

OWEN TRACY, an emigrant from Ireland, m. Theulah Willard, s. in Acworth, 1787, d. in 1816—ch., I., John, m. Jemima Welch, rem. to the West—ch., 1, Lucinda; 2, Susan; 3, Lestina; 4, Theulah; 5, Owen, 6, Omar; 7, George. II., Polly, m. John Spaulding. III., Betsey, m. Isaac Guild, residence Lowell—ch., 1, George F., m. first Mary A. Barnett—ch., (1) George B.; m. second Ada Marsh—ch., (2) Charles M., d. young, residence Arlington, Mass.; 2, Charles M., d. unm. in California; 3, Caroline E., m. Charles F. Livingston, residence Manchester—ch., (1) Emma Y., d. young, (2) Frank C., (3) Edward G., d. young; 4, Henry C., m. Lucy M. Sawyer of Lowell, residence Lowell—ch., (1) Henry T., (2) Albert S., (3) Thomas G.; 5, Emily B., m. James T. Fisher, residence Jamaica Plains, Mass.—ch., (1) Herbert G., (2) Arthur L., d. young; 6, Isaac O., m. Mary J. Paul, residence Lynn, Mass.—ch., (1) Irving T., (2) Sydney P.; 7, Albert D., m. Marion F. Grinnell—ch., (1) Charles G., (2) Carra F., residence Chicago, Ill. IV., Phebe. V., Huldah, d. unm. VI., Joel, m. Maria Pettengill (see Pettengill family)—ch., 1, Homer D. C., m. Ellen M. Robinson (see Robinson family); 2, Austin W., m. Eliza A. Thurston; 3, John C., m. Catherine A., Cloxton—ch., (1) Elizabeth M.; 4, Joel B., m. Josephine L. Neal (see Neal family); 5, Helen M., m. Dwight Smith of Lempster—ch., (1) Freddie A., (2) Willie, (3) Alva D.; 6, Lucian N.

RETIRE TRASK of Beverly s. in Acworth, 1793, rem. to Ohio, 1810, m. Lydia Foster (see Foster family)—ch., I., Retire. II., Benjamin. III., Lydia. IV., Hannah. V., Amy.

FRANCIS S. TROW, son of William and Hepzibah Trow, s. in Acworth, 1858, m. Pamela M. Davis—ch., I., Helen A. II., Ella J. III., Fred B. IV., Martha A. V., Mary E. VI., Frankie E. VII., Susie W.

JOEL TURNER of Mendon, Mass., s. in Acworth previous to 1793, m. Eunice Rawson—ch., I., Olive, m. Joel Angier (see Angier family). II., Deborah, m. Alpheus Crosby of Francistown. III., Levi, m. Delia Currier (see Currier family)—ch., 1, Eunice, m. John Leavitt; 2, Delia, m. Elijah Chase of Claremont; 3, Levi C., like most Acworth boys who have obtained an education, he assisted himself by teaching, beginning in his sixteenth year with a school of sixty scholars. He fitted for College mostly at Claremont, to which place his father had removed; entered Dartmouth College in 1825, and removed to Union College in 1827; after graduating, attended the law school at Schenectady, N. Y., was admitted to the bar. He m. a daughter of Robert Campbell, Esq., of Cooperstown and entered into partnership with his father-in-law in 1830. His time here was divided between the duties of his profession, speech-making, and newspaper correspondence. He was admitted to the bar of the United States Superior Court at Washington in 1836; in 1838 made a tour in Europe; opened

a law office in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1839, writing at the same time for the "Cleveland Herald;" in 1848 became one of the editors and proprietors of the "Cincinnati Gazette;" sold his interest in the paper in 1851, receiving an appointment in the Treasury Department in Washington. After spending the winter of 1852-3 at Key West, Florida, he returned to Cooperstown and held the office of County Judge for about eight years, at the same time corresponding with several leading newspapers, and editing a paper himself. In 1862 he received the appointment of Judge Advocate of the War Department, with the rank of Brig. Gen., which office he held until his death in March, 1867. 4, Nancy, m. Geo. Barney of St. Johnsbury; 5, Lemuel, d. young. IV., Joel, m. Malison Orcutt (see Orcutt family)—ch., 1, Relief; 2, Crosby; 3, Abigail, d. unm.; 4, William; 5, Mary; 6, Charles. V., Polly, m. Orange Hart, rem. to New York. VI., Nancy, m. David Swallow of Weston.

EZRA VINTON came from Townsend, Mass., to Acworth, 1864, with his son JOHN C., who m. Mary J. Stevens—ch., I., George.

JEDUTHAN WALDO s. in Acworth in 1817, m. Lucy Markham (see Markham family)—ch., I., Edward T. II., Jerusha. III., Seth Spencer.

*Thomas Wallace* emigrated from Coleraine, Antrim Co., Ireland, to Londonderry, N. H., 1726, m. Jean Wallace, whose acquaintance he formed on shipboard. After the birth of their eight children they rem. to Bedford, being the eighth family in town. JOSEPH WALLACE, their son, s. in Acworth in 1797—ch., I., Thomas. II., Margaret. III., Mary A. IV., Susan. V., Martha. JESSE WALLACE, son of John, second son of Thomas Wallace, came from Bedford to Acworth 1819, m. Betsey Lyon—ch., I., Calvin, m. Emily Spaulding (see Lincoln family). II., Harvey D., m. Lucina Ingalls (see Ingalls family)—ch., 1, Eugene C.; 2, Ada L. III., Freeman, m. Mary E. Bixby—ch., 1, Charlie A. *William*, third son of *Thomas Wallace*, m. Ann Seoby, s. in Merrimac—ch., Joseph, JAMES, David, JOHN P., ADAM, Jane, Ann, and Sally; Joseph, m. Sally McIntyre and s. in Vermont; David, m. Janet Wallace, residence Merrimac; Jane, m. ——— Hadley of Dunbarton; Sally, m. John McAfee of Goffstown; JOHN P., m. Jane Orr, residence a little while in Acworth; JAMES, b. 1773, s. in Acworth 1797 or 1798, m. Martha Nesmith (see Nesmith family)—ch., I., Nesmith, d. young. II., Cranmore, graduated at Dartmouth College 1824; taught at New Ipswich, Chelmsford, Marblehead, and Boston, Mass.; rem. to Cheraw, S. C.; 1830, and taught five years; was ordained deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, 1836, and not long after a Presbyter; was Rector of St. John's Church, Berkeley, S. C., and of St. Stephen's Church, Charleston; m. Juliette Farwell; d. 1860, much lamented, having spent an active and useful life. III., Maria, d. young. IV., Ann, m. Lucius Parmalee of Vermont; of their six ch. two are living, Edward C., civil engineer, and commissioner of deeds, Central City, Colorado, and Martha F. who m. Edward Wells of Burlington, Vt. V., Electa, m. E. S. Gage, residence for a time in Acworth, rem. to





*James Wallace*

Iowa—ch., 1, Cranmore W.; 2, Theodore S. VI., John P., m. Mary Dodge, d. in Reading, Mass., 1836. VIII., William V., m. Maria Keen, residence E. Braintree, Mass.—ch., six. VIII., Rusina, d. unm. IX., Velina, d. young, a twin with Rusina. X., James, d. young. XI., Velina, a twin with James, has been for the last ten years connected with Ladies Boarding-Schools in North Granville, N. Y., and West Brattleboro, Vt., winning for herself an enviable reputation. XII., Daniel R., d. at Waterbury, Vt., 1857. XIII., Mary M., m. Dr. J. P. Connor who d. in Astoria, L. I., m. second William H. Woodward, who is also dead, residence, Providence, R. I. ADAM, m. Martha McClure (see McClure family)—ch., I., Caroline, m. John P. Davis (see Davis family). II., John. III., William, d. unm. IV., Margaret. V., Thomas. VI., Milton. VII., Orr. VIII., Othniel.

MATHEW, JAMES, MARTHA, and AGNES were the children of Robert Wallace, who emigrated from Scotland to Ireland, and from thence to Londonderry, N. H., previous to 1750. A daughter of MATHEW m. Daniel Campbell (see Campbell family). Martha, m. William Mitchell (see Mitchell family). AGNES, m. Alexander Houston (see Houston family). JAMES s. in Acworth, 1775, m. Margaret Archibald (see Archibald family)—ch., I., George, b. 1776, m. Harriet Menough, residence Cleveland—ch., 1, James W., m. Adeline Hanchett—ch., (1) George, m. Cassie McKisson—ch., [1] James, [2] Etta, [3] William, (2) Hiram, m. Marianna Means—ch., [1] Adaline R., (3) Mary E., (4) Warner, (5) Joseph, d. young, (6) Leonard C., (7) Margaret S. H.; 2, George Y., m. Ellen Reynolds—ch., (1) William, m. Miss Grant—ch., one, (2) James, m. Henrietta Snyder, d. from wounds received at the battle of Fredericksburg, (3) George Y., m. Miss Belden, residence Omaha City; 3, Perkins, m. Rebecca Reynolds—ch., (1) Harmon, d. young, (2) George, (3) Maria, (4) Emma, m. Isaac Connard, (5) Harriet, m. ——— Ballard, (6) Cora; 4, Emeline. II., Robert, m. Rebecca Menough, rem. to Ohio—ch., 1, Sabrina, m. A. C. Stewart—ch., seven, 2, Caroline, m. A. P. Paine—ch., two, 3, John S., residence Chicago, m. first Harriet E. Bevins—ch., (1) Thera, m. N. B. Rapply—ch., one, John S., m. second Sarah Rich—ch., (2) Frances, m. third Celia Whipple—ch., (3) John S.; 4, Harriet A., m. J. M. Buel—ch., four, 5, Jane, m. George Stanley, M. D.—ch., five, residence Iowa; 6, Robert W., m. Mrs. Briggs—ch., five, 7, Adaline A., m. Henry A. Smith—ch., six, residence Mich. III., Jennie, m. Noah Page—ch., 1, Wallace, d. young; 2, Louisa; 3, Margaret, d. young; 4, Rebecca; 5, Jane; 6, Margaret A., d. young; 7, Clarissa A.; 8, Noah B., m. Delia E. Thompson—ch., (1) Carrie A. IV., John, d. in Texas. V., Anna, m. Hezekiah King (see King family). VI., James, m. Betsey King (see King family)—ch., 1, Emeline, m. John Currier of Langdon—ch., (1) Orson, m. Ellen Smith; (2) Frances, m. Harvey Dickey (see Dickey family); 2, James D., m. Sophia O'Brien, residence New York city—ch., (1) Elizabeth A., m. H. Roddy—

ch., [1] George W., (2) George, d. unm., (3) Emeline, m. W. W. Meade—ch., [1] Emma, [2] William, [3] Charles, (4) William J., m. ——— Kearns—ch., [1] William, [2] Edward, (5) James W., m. Miss Coleman, residence Brooklyn ; 3, Samuel K., d. young ; 4, Joseph F., m. Calista Dart, residence Marlow—ch., (1) Emmarvy, m. Albert Sterling—ch., [1] Frederic, (2) James B., d. unm., (3) Oscar, d. unm. ; 5, William W., d. in Ohio, m. Mary Morrison (see Liscomb family)—ch., (1) Henry, (2) Emma ; 6, George A., m. Clarinda Whitney (see Whitney family)—ch., (1) Julianna, (2) George, (3) Sumner ; 7, Betsey, m. Sylvester Reed (see Reed family). VII., William, m. Mrs. Polly C. Wallace. VIII., Peggy, d. young. IX., Peggy, m. Joseph Finlay (see Finlay family). X., Nancy K., m. Stephen Thornton (see Thornton family). XI., Jonathan, d. young.

ROBERT WALKER, a native of New Boston, s. in Acworth, 1801, m. Deborah Woodbury (see Woodbury family)—ch., I., Asa, m. Betsey Mathewson (see Mathewson family), residence Barnard, Vt.—ch., 1, John J. ; 2, George W. ; 3, Lydia A. ; 4, Rebecca. II., Jesse W., m. Polly White, residence Whitefield—ch., 1, Mary A., m. Simeon Sear ; 2, R. Henry ; 3, Betsey J. ; 4, Calvin W. ; 5, Alice ; 6, Deborah W. ; 7, Plummer S. ; 8, Franklin P. ; 9, Roswell M. ; 10, Luretta. III., Sally E., m. Alexander Walker, residence Unity—ch., 1, Horace ; 2, Woodbury ; 3, Louisa ; 4, Arvilla ; 5, Angeline ; 6, Emory. IV., Betsey, m. first Kinsman Marshall—ch., 1, Dexter ; 2, Chester, and 3, Chauncey (twins) ; m. second ——— Thompkins—ch., 4, Jane. V., Roswell, m. first Florinda Clark (see Clark family)—ch., 1, Hammond, m. Phebe Walker—ch., (1) Florinda, residence Claremont ; 2, Willard C., residence Montpelier, m. Laura Clark (see Clark family) ; 3, Pamela A. ; 4, George ; 5, Martha J. ; 6, Lyman H. V., Roswell, m. second Lydia B. McMillan—ch., 7, Sarah M. ; 8, Flora T. ; 9, Roswell.

DANIEL C. WALKER moved from Springfield to Acworth, m. Eliza A. Eaton (see Eaton family)—ch., I., Luella S., d. young. II., Edgar D.

*John Warner*, native of Ipswich, Mass., m. Mary Marden of Portsmouth, in 1775—ch., *Susie*, d. young ; JAMES M. ; *John*, m. first Susan Orr, m. second Jane Humphry ; *Daniel*, m. Lucy Gregg ; *Betsey*, d. young ; *Sally*, d. unm. 1858 ; *Betsey*, m. first Morrison, second Wilson ; *Joseph*, d. ; *Stephen*, mortally wounded in a naval action in 1812, near Halifax, was the second officer of the vessel ; *Nancy*, m. Samuel Johnson—ch., WILLIAM (see Johnson family), *William*, lost overboard at Sumatra from a vessel which he commanded ; NATHANIEL ; STANFORTH ; *Mary*, m. Guy Spencer, d. 1834—ch., 1, J. Warner ; 2, Elizabeth, m. John Dinsmore, residence Alstead ; *Martha*, m. first Brown, m. second Smith ; *Susan*, m. Thomas Rogers (see Rogers family). JAMES M. (see Rev. Dr. Wright's letter), m. Patty Grout (see Grout family), s. in Acworth about 1795—ch., I., Daniel J., m. Marietta Cram (see Cram family), d. 1868—ch., 1, Frances H., m. Oliver Dodge—ch., (1) Edward S. ; 2, J. Marden ; 3, Edward D. ; 4, Leavitt. II., George M., m. Sarah H., daughter of Rev. Joseph Merrill—ch., 1,



Wm. H. H. H.





Ellen M., m. Chapman—ch., (1) Nellie ; 2, George E., m. ———. NATHANIEL, s. in Acworth, 1805, m. Lucy Slader (see Slader family)—ch., I., Pamela G., m. Rev. Lyman White—ch., 1, Mary ; 2, Carrie A. W. II., Milon M., m. Caroline D. Slader (see Slader family). III., Mary A. S., m. John Blanchard (see Blanchard family). STANFORTH, m. Maria Kenyon—ch., I., Henry. II., Jane, d. unm. III., Franklin, d. unm. IV., Orlando. V. George, d. a prisoner of war at Atlanta.

WILLIAM WARNER, cousin of *John Warner*, m. Betsey M. Finlay (see Finlay family)—ch., I., Barnet C., m. Clarissa Blanchard (see Blanchard family)—ch., 1, Clara ; 2, Frank. II., Benjamin M., m., Frances Dinsmore—ch., 1, Benjamin. III., Hugh, m. Susan Millikin—ch., 1, Willie ; 2, Minnie E., d. young ; 3, Susie B., d. young ; 4, Lillie F. DANIEL WARNER, brother of William, m. Betsey Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., I., Lucius, d. young. II., Charles. III., Daniel. IV., Elizabeth. V., Curtiss. VI., John.

MOSES WARREN, b. in Northboro, Mass., 1760, enlisted in the Continental army 1776, remaining till near the close of the war, s. in Acworth, 1782 or 1783, rem. to Warrensville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, of which his son Daniel was the first settler, having removed in 1808, following his brother-in-law Ebenezer Duty of Acworth, who subsequently s. in Ashtabula Co., Ohio. Mr. Warren accompanied his son to Ohio, was pleased with the country, returned for his family, walking the whole distance, 600 miles. Being hindered he did not emigrate till 1815, when he and his family started for Ohio with a yoke of oxen, four horses and two wagons. They reached their destination after seven weeks' journeying. Here at the age of 55 he commenced pioneer life anew, building the first frame house in the township of his adoption. He, however, lived to see the comforts of civilization multiplied around him. Died at the age of 91. His wife Priscilla Nourse, sister of Daniel Nourse (see Nourse family), lived to the age of 78—ch., I., Sarah, m. Ebenezer Duty of Acworth, rem. to Ohio—ch., 1, Andrew W. ; 2, Daniel W. ; 3, Persis ; 4, Louisa ; 5, Lovisa ; 6, Sarah A. ; 7, Mandana ; 8, Chloe. II., Daniel, the first settler in Warrensville, Ohio, m. Margaret Prentiss of Langdon—ch., 1, Hiram V. ; 2, Lovina ; 3, Prentiss ; 4, William H. ; 5, Moses N. ; 6, Paulina A. ; 7, James M. ; 8, Othello V. ; 9, Julietta C. III., Persis. IV., Priscilla, m. Robert Prentiss of Langdon—ch., 1, Sophrona ; 2, Warren ; 3, Almira ; 4, Alphonzo ; 5, Lovisa ; 6, Robert ; 7, Moses ; 8, Margaret. V., Chloe. VI., Mary L. VII., Anna W., m. Samuel M. Prentiss of Warrensville—ch., 1, Elizabeth ; 2, Loren ; 3, Lucy ; 4, Solon ; 5, Sophia ; 6, Laura ; 7, Chauncey ; 8, Martha ; 9, Mary ; 10, Perry ; 11, George ; 12, Susan ; 13, Emily. VIII., Moses, m. Sarah N. Hubbell—ch., 1, Milan H. ; 2, Leora H. ; 3, William M. ; 4, Lucelia C. ; 5, Priscilla S. ; 6, Rolan N. ; 7, Mary L. IX., William.

JOSEPH WARE of Winchester s. in Acworth, 1812, m. Susannah Nichols—ch., I., Susan M., m. Isaac Kent, residence Alstead—ch., 1, Elisha E. ;

2, Mary ; 3, Ellen ; 4, Samuel E. II., Ziba, d. young. III., ——— d. young. IV., Pamela, m. Anthony Walker of Alstead—ch., 1, Josephine ; 2, Joana ; 3, Melvin ; 4, Abby. V., Joseph, m. Mrs. Philinda Hardy—ch., 1, Harriet A. VI., Hannah C., m. Henry King, residence Boston—ch., 1, Walter ; 2, Arthur. VII., George H. P., m. Addie Spencer, residence Alstead. HANNAH WARE, sister of JOSEPH, was probably the most benevolent person that ever lived in Acworth, giving much of her earnings to charitable objects.

DR. ABRAHAM WATSON s. in Acworth previous to 1788, m. Lucy—ch., I., Lucy. II., Sophia.

The maternal grandfather of SAMUEL and EADEY WATTS was John Cockle, an Englishman by birth. When only sixteen he was seized in a ball-room by a press-gang and put into the army. Although foiled in their attempts to make him take the required oath, they nevertheless enrolled him, and in process of time he was sent as a soldier to Boston previous to the Revolutionary war. He deserted, and married, and when the war broke out, he left his wife and child and enlisted in the American army. Preferring a soldier's life he remained in the army nine years after the war ceased. *John Watts*, m. *Polly*, daughter of John Cockle, and two of his ch., Samuel and Eadey s. in Acworth. SAMUEL WATTS, m. Susan Williams—ch., I., Mary M., m. George W. Neal (see Neal family). II., George F. III., Charles E. IV., Martha E. V., Emma A. VI., Stella E. VII., Flora A. EADEY, m. Aaron Brown (see Brown family).

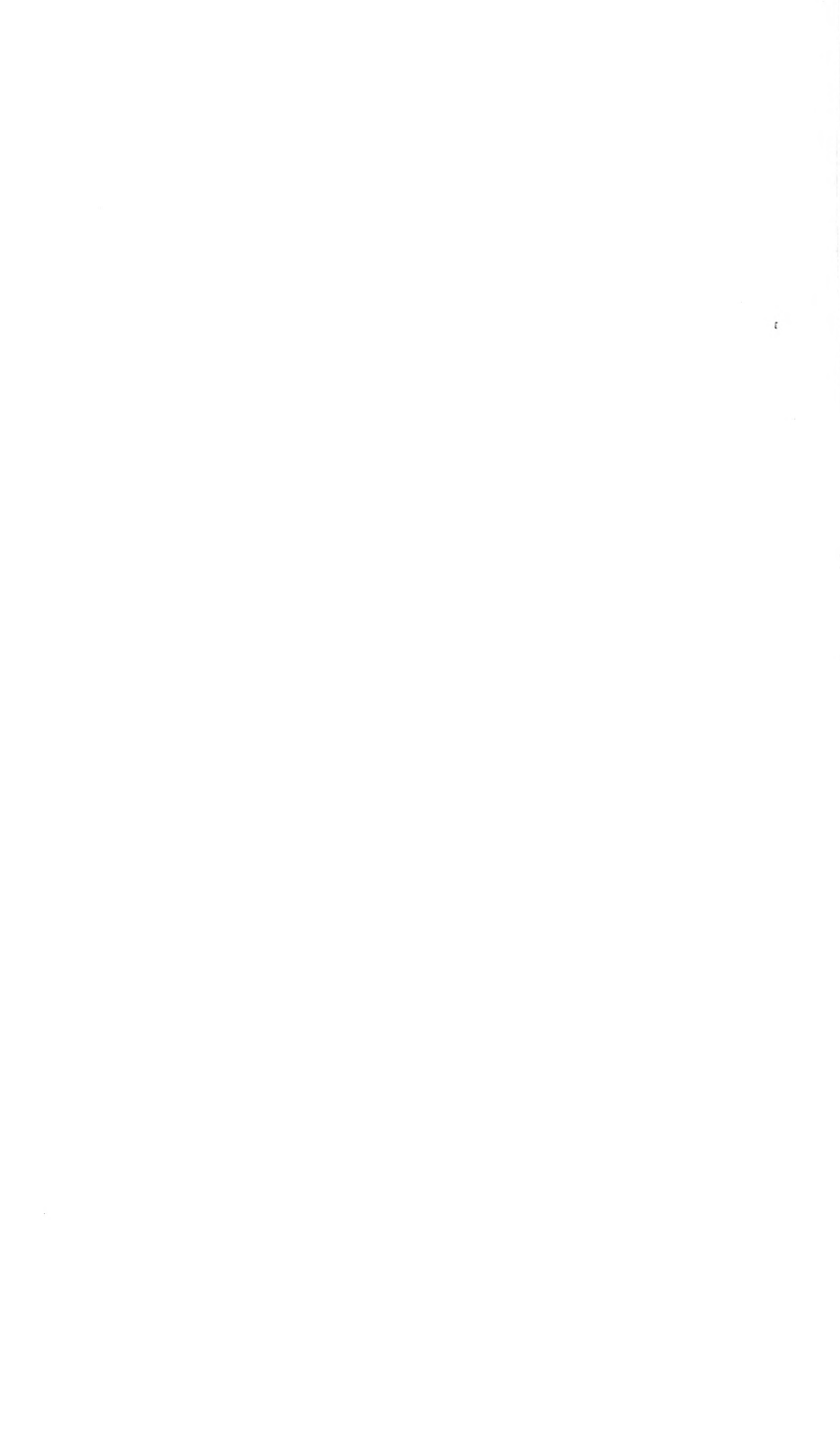
JEREMIAH WEATHERHEAD s. in Acworth, 1795—ch., I., Levi, m. Betsey Ritchie—ch., 1, Freeman ; 2, Lucinda ; 3, James ; 4, Naney J. ; m. second Mary Cobb—ch., Sybil, d. unm.

WILLIAM WELCH, native of New Brunswick, m. Ellen Thompson, s. in Acworth, 1854—ch., I., Josephine, m. George D. Woolcot of Claremont—ch., 1, Etta M. ; 2, George. II., Henrietta. III., Arthur W. IV., William F. V., Victoria A. VI., George M. VII., Wilmot W. VIII., Alma C., and IX., Elmer A. (twins).

REV. JUBILEE WELLMAN, m. Theda Grout (see Grout family), although not a native of Acworth, resided in town from early childhood, and as his character was formed here, he deserves a notice. He was born, 1793, in what is now Gill, Mass. He is first remembered in Acworth as living in the family of Moses Warren. While a lad he resided in the family of Nathaniel Grout. He was a wild, reckless youth, but was converted in one of those powerful revivals under Mr. Cooke's ministry, and became an earnest follower of Jesus. He graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1823 ; was ordained pastor at Frankfort, Me., in 1824, and dismissed in 1826 ; was installed pastor at Warner, N. H., in 1827, and after a very successful ministry was dismissed in 1837. He was installed at Westminster, Vt., in 1838, dismissed 1842 ; preached two years alternately at Plymouth and Cavendish, Vt., afterwards for five years at Cavendish alone ; was installed



*Geo. M. Warner*



at Lowell, Vt., in 1850, where he continued until his death in 1855. Rev. Pliny H. White in his sketch of the Congregational Church in Westminster, Vt., published in the Congregational Quarterly, January, 1869, says: "As a preacher, Mr. Wellman was always acceptable and instructive, sometimes earnest and impressive, and occasionally even eloquent. He could be plain and pointed without being personal and giving offense. His prayers were appropriate, never tedious, and often accompanied with tears. He was dignified and gentlemanly in appearance, but readily adapted himself to all his parishioners however humble. His people both loved and revered him."

S. SPRAGUE WEST s. in Acworth previous to 1791, m. Phebe Carleton (see Carleton family)—ch., I., Catherine. II., Royal, b. 1793, taught school in Trenton, Utica, and Salina, N. Y., was licensed to preach in 1834; preached at Enfield, Walworth, Churchville, and Fairport, N. Y.; afterwards became a Tract Missionary in New York City, d. 1852. III., Jane. IV., Sophia. V., Thomas. VI., Thomas. VII., Eliza. VIII., Keziah. IX., Francis.

JOHN W. WHEELER, m. Nancy J. Buswell (see Buswell family)—ch., I., Charles, m. Mrs. Harriet (Symonds) McAdams (see Symonds family)—ch., 1, Warren D. II., James. III., Herman. IV., John C. V., Alma. VI., J. Edgar. VII., Mary E. VIII., Elmer E.

DAVID H. WHIPPLE, native of Bow, b. 1815, m. Clarissa Saltmarsh, b. 1811, m. 1841, s. in Acworth, 1867—ch., I., Sarah E. II., Sanford. III., George E., d. in U. S. service at Fort McClary, Me., 1863. IV., Annie A., d. unm. V., Edgar L. VI., Minnie B.

HORACE WHIPPLE, a native of Dalton, s. in Acworth 1865, m. Sarah Bingham—ch., I., William M. II., Henry R., m. Maria S. Cram. III., Benjamin H. IV., Susan M. V., Adaline I.

ASA Whitecomb of Alstead, m. Rebecca Ball, sister of Samuel Ball (see Ball family)—ch., Thomas, Betsey, ASA, Rebecca, Abigail, and Hannah. ASA, a soldier in the war of 1812, s. in Acworth 1818, m. first Olive Vickery—ch., I., Olive, m. Harvey Huntley of Lempster—ch., 1, Henry, m. Isabel Parker—ch., (1) W. Addison; 2, Olive, m. Irving Baker of Marlow—ch., (1) Cora, (2) Flora B.; 3, Minerva A. II., Abigail. ASA, m. second Phebe Beckwith, grand-daughter of Rev. E. Beckwith of Marlow.

JOSEPH WHITNEY of Pepperell, Mass., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was at the battle of Bunker Hill, m. Mary Woods of Pepperell, s. in Acworth 1807—ch., I., Polly, m. Phineas Parker, rem. to Vt.—ch., 1, Mary A.; 2, Marinda; 3, Charles; 4, John; 5, Caroline; 6, Fanny; 7, Sally; 8 Phineas. II., Emma, m. Elijah Dickerman, rem. to Chelsea, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary; 2, Amy; 3, Elijah; 4, Enoch; 5, Rebecca; 6, Edmund; 7, Lewis; 8, Sally. III., Joseph, d. young. IV., Joseph D., m. Susan Drury of Alstead, rem. to Brookfield, Vt.—ch., 1, Susan; 2, Pamela; 3, Rebecca; 4, Sarah A.; 5, Eliza; 6, Leonard. V., Isaac W., m. Polly Blood

(see Lemuel Blood family), rem. to Vt.—ch., 1, Mary J. ; 2, Lucy ; 3, Sally ; 4, Dianna ; 5, Arvilla ; 6, Jackson ; 7, Alva ; 8, Janet. VI., John, m. Polly Lewis, rem. to Chelsea, Vt.—ch., 1, Mary ; 2, Emma ; 3, Eliza ; 4, Amanda ; 5, Lewis. VII., Leonard, m. Philinda Blood (see Blood family)—ch., 1, Philinda M., m. Josiah Guillof of Gilsun—ch., (1) Melvin, (2) Lyman E., (3) Lester, (4) Edward J., (5) Ellen, (6) Frederic, (7) Albert, (8) Charles, (9) Jennie, (10) Albra, (11) Emma ; 2, Clarinda M., m. George Wallace (see Wallace family) ; 3, Parthena A., m. Howard S. Colburn of Alstead ; 4, Caroline N., m. George Nash of Gilsun—ch., (1) Nancy J., (2) Edgar H. ; 5, Elisha S., m. Jane M. Howard ; 6, George L., m. Lucetta E. Miller ; 7, Horace L. ; 8, Abbie J. VIII., Rebecca, m. Theron Thayer, (see Philo Thayer family). IX., David m. Lydia C. Chase—ch., 1, Mary A., m. Cutler S. Angier of Langdon. X., Edmund, d. unm. XI., Alvah, d. unm. in Mich.

NATHANIEL WHITNEY s. in Acworth, 1782, m. Joanna Hayward (see Hayward family)—ch., I., Lydia. II., Nathaniel, rem. to Ohio.

F. WILLOUGHBY WILLARD, m. Deborah Blood in 1772—ch., I., Elias. II., James. III., Roswell. IV., Philena.

JOHN WILLIAMS, m. Sally Colburn, came from Dracut, Mass., to Acworth, 1785—ch., I., John, m. first Margaret Henry, m. second Mary Henry—ch., 1, Irving, d. unm. ; 2, Orison J., m. Mrs. Smith. II., Sally d. unm. III., Colburn, m. Aseneth Tenney—ch., 1, Darlena ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Aseneth ; 4, Alfreda S. IV., Huldah, m. Ephraim Clark (see Clark family). V., Calvin, m. Hannah Mayo (see Mayo family)—ch., 1, Lucina D. ; 2, Lorinda ; 3, Mary M. ; 4, Hannah O. ; 5, Calvin B. ; 6, Issachar M. ; 7, Willard A., d. young ; 8, Lydia S. ; 9, Willard. VI., Benjamin, m. Esther Blood. VII., Butterfield, m. Ruth Danforth—ch., 1, John M. ; 2, Sabrina ; 3, Sarah ; 4, Colburn ; 5, Charles ; 6, Frederic. VIII., Bradley, m. Lydia Johnson—ch., 1, John R. ; 2, James.

*John Wilson*, known as "little John," was the eighth child of Joseph and Rebecca (Kimball) Wilson. Tradition traces back his genealogy to Rev. John Wilson, first minister in Boston. JOHN, m. Jane Lynn, fourth child of Nathaniel and Agnes (Tupper) Lynn who came from England in childhood in the same vessel, and were bound as servants to pay their passage, Nathaniel to the then minister of Boston, and Agnes to the Governor of Mass. In 1773, with his aged father, wife, and two ch., JOHN WILSON settled in Acworth—ch., I., Joseph, b. 1771, d. 1847, m. Jane Pinkerton of Derry—ch., 1, Gardiner, b. 1798, m. Martha A. —ch., (1) Albert P. ; 2, Anna McC., d. 1850 ; 3, Melintha, m. Deacon Zenas Slader (see Slader family ; 4, James P., studied medicine at Castleton, Vt., practised at Fairfield, Ind., m. first Lucretia Oakes—ch., (1) Joseph, d. 1856, (2) John H., (3) Mary E., m. J. B. McCain, (4) Sarah A., m. W. F. Kumler of Ind.—ch., [1] Jessie, [2] Mary ; 4, James P., m. second Sarah Kidd—ch., (5) James P. ; 5, Norman, residence Boston, m. first Caroline Dickey (see

Dickey family)—ch., (1) Ann J., m. C. A. Chamberlain of Salem, Ill., (2) Caroline M., m. ——— Swift—ch., [1] Carrie, (3) Juliette S., (4) Henry M.; 5, Norman, m. second Lucy Harris; 6, Lucinda, m. first Nathaniel Polland—ch., (1) Susan, m. ——— Hall, (2) Sarah, d. unm., (3) Lucretia, m. ——— Britton; 6, Lucinda, m. second Charles Rawson, East Westmoreland, Vt.—ch., (4) Isaac, m. Lucy Fuller, (5) Emma, m. Frank Hall of Putney, (6) Charles E.; 7, Eliza, d. young; 8, Betsey, m. David Morrison, residence Keene—ch., (1) Licetta G., b. 1834, m. G. Spaulding; (2) Oscar, (3) Julia A., (4) Lauretta A., (5) Joseph G. W., (6) Lucy A., b. 1851. II., Nathaniel, s. in Peacham, and afterwards in Cabot, Vt., m. Abigail Varnum of Draut—ch., 1, Jennie, b. 1800, m. Reuben Atkins—ch., (1) Henry, (2) Leonard; 2, Sarah C., m. J. Whitaker; 3, John, d. young; 4, Jesse, m. Sophronia White, d. 1860—ch., (1) William, b. 1835, (2) Joseph, (3) Freeman, (4) Sarah J., residence Cabot; 5, David, m. Abigail McGee—ch., (1) Eleanor A., m. J. W. Houghton, (2) Lydia G., (3) Nathaniel L.; 6, Hiram, d. young; 7, John, d. unm.; 8, Theophilus, m. Rosetta Lyford—ch., (1) Louisa, b. 1841, (2) Martha W., (3) Edward F., (4) Emma; 9, Nathaniel, m. Mirinda Dodge, residence Barre, Vt.; 10, Rachel, d. unm. III., John, s. in Utica and afterwards at Forestville, N. Y., m. Anna McPherson of Aeworth—ch., 1, Naney J., b. 1807, d. young; 2, Theophilus; 3, Caroline, m. Rev. Homer Gregg, d. 1853—ch., (1) Homer, (2) Helen A.; 4, John W., m. Eliza Lamb, d. at Sugar Grove, Ill., 1866—ch., (1) Theophilus, b. 1846, (2) Caroline, d. young, (3) Ann G., (4) John, d. young, (5) Jesse, a twin with John, (6) Milton, (7) William, (8) Joseph; 5, Licetta G., d. 1853. IV., Jesse, m. Mrs. Rachel Parsons. V., David, d. unm. 1853. VI., William, m. Eliza Fogerty, residence Thomastown, Me.—ch., 1, Naney, b. 1808, d. 1843, m. Richard Rivers—ch., (1) William W., (2) Abbie, m. Archibald McCahom—ch., three, (3) Joseph m. Jennie Davis—ch., one, (4) Eliza, m. Joseph Bracklin—ch., two, (5) Joshua; 2, Jane, m. Thomas J. Ryder—ch., (1) Jane, b. 1867, d. 1867, (2) John T., (3) Nancy E., (4) Alice C.; 3, Joseph m. Emeline T. McClellan, d. 1860 on board a vessel of which he was captain—ch., (1) William J., b. 1739, m. Mary L. Coburn—ch., [1] Sarah, [2] John, (2) Emma E., d. young, (3) George McClellan, (4) Frederic, d. young, (5) Frank L.; 4, Eliza, d. unm.; 5, Mary, m. Joshua Smalley—ch., (1) Edwin S., b. 1838, (2) Thomas W., (3) Mary E., (4) Nancy J., (5) Caroline J., (6) Joshua, (7) Wilson, (8) Ada, (9) Sarah (10) Alice R., (11) Frederic, d. young, (12) John H.; 6, Theophilus, d. 1839; 7, Mitchell, m. Henrietta O'Neil, d. 1857—ch., (1) Alden, (2) Charles, (3) Lysander; 8, Richard (twin with Mitchell), m. Lucy A. Robinson—ch., (1) Fullerton, (2) Eliza, (3) Anna; 9, Jesse, m. Harriet Young—ch., (1) Wilbur, (2) Frederic, (3) Lizzie; 10, Charles, m. Harriet Robinson—ch., (1) Aldana, (2) Frank. VII., Theophilus, graduated at Dartmouth College, 1811, intending to study for the ministry, but ill-health deterred him. He received

the degree of M. D., 1814, began to practice at Cazenovia with flattering prospects, when he died in 1815 from the effects of poison taken by mistake. He m. Grace Staples—ch., 1, Wilford L., who studied theology and preached a few years; his children were (1) Thomas, (2) Stewart, (3) Wilford. VIII., Samuel, m. Sally Nesmith (see Nesmith family), s. in the edge of Charlestown, d. 1857 at Cottage Hill, O. His wife still survives him and was present at the centennial, having come from College Hill though eighty-two years of age and unable to walk except upon crutches. Though not a native of town she came to reside here in 1800 with her sister Mrs. James Wallace having been left an orphan. She succeeded her aunt Peggy McClure as the "tailoress of the town;" she was also an efficient nurse during the prevalence of the "spotted fever," beginning with the first case Jenny Grier; she thus had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the families and the history of the town. Her age, her opportunities, and her retentive memory combined have rendered her a most valuable assistant in gathering up the traditions of "ye olden time," and the reminiscences she was able to narrate added much to the interest of the centennial. Her likeness inserted was taken on her seventy-fifth birthday. She was m. to Samuel Wilson, 1814, the first m. in Acworth by Rev. Mr. Cooke—ch., 1, Theophilus, m. Lydia F. Haddock. He was a pioneer settler of Jay Co., Ind.; has been State Senator in Ind.; now resides at Avondale, O.—ch., (1) Mary C., d. young, (2) Morris H.; 2, James M., d. young; 3, David M., studied Divinity; was fourteen years a missionary in Syria, now preaches at Athens, Tenn., m. Emiline Tomlinson—ch., (1) Mary T., (2) Samuel T.; 4, Sarah A., d. 1868; 5, Jesse P., m. Minerva Ruffnor. He was killed on picket duty in Tenn.; Capt. of the 4th Reg. Ohio Vol. Cavalry, 1862; 6, Mary J., taught eighteen years in Ohio Female College, m. Rev. George W. Pyle—ch., (1) Theodore W., b. 1844, now teaching in Lagrange, Oregon, (2) George W., graduated at West Point, d. at Fort Union, New Mexico, 1868, a Lieut. U. S. A.; 7, Harriet N. for many years a teacher; 8, Joseph G., graduated at Marietta College, is one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Oregon, m. Lizzie Miller—ch., (1) Gardiner M., d. young, (2) Albert D., d. young, (3) Genevieve, (4) Grace. IX., Nancy, m. Edward Porter, residence Ann Arbor, Mich.—ch., 1, Nathaniel, b. 1817 and d. 1852, m. Eliza McLendon; 2, Cornelia; 3, David W.; 4, Martha S.; 5, Theophilus; 6, Nancy A.; 7, Mary C.

JOHN WILSON (known as "big John"), son of Benjamin and Margaret Wilson, came from Londonderry, Ireland, to Londonderry, N. H. He was a triplet, and at his birth was put in a quart measure, m. first Margaret McFarland and s. in Acworth, 1774, d. 1811—ch., I., Hannah, b. 1754, d. 1775. II., Margaret. III., Rebecca. IV., Jane, d. 1811. V., Elizabeth, m. James Rogers (see Rogers family). VI., Sarah. VII., John, m. Polly McCoy—ch., 1, Nancy, b. 1793, m. Lewis Slader (see Slader family); 2, Margaret, m. Daniel Nourse (see Nourse family); 3, John, m. first Laura



Hayward (see Hayward family), rem. to Genesee Co., N. Y., 1822—ch., (1) John P., b. 1823, residence California, (2) Solon H., residence Columbus, Ohio, (3) Simeon B., d. young, (4) Mary L., (5) Hiram, (6) Milan, d. young, (7) Emeline F., (8) Lucius S., b. 1833, residence California ; 3, John, m. second Mrs. Nancy Hood of New York ; 4, Hannah, m. Ralph Keyes (see Keyes family) ; 5, Gilman, m. Nancy Cooper, residence Ohio—ch., (1) Mary, (2) Elizabeth ; 6, Andrew, m. first Lurancy Thomas—ch., (1) Harriet, b. 1830, (2) Nancy, (3) Andrew, (4) Hiram P., (5) Abbie A. (6) John W., (7) Solan N., (8) Mary J., (9) Martha L. ; 6, Andrew, m. second Nancy Thomas, residence Ohio ; 7, William, m. first Pamela Hartson—ch., (1) Charles, d. young, (2) William M., (3) Leonard, m. second Mary Wagner—ch., (4) Mary, (5) Elizabeth, (6) Hannah, (7), Eliza J., (8) John W., (9) Caroline R., (10) Hester A., (11) Sarah F., (12) Benjamin S., b. 1859 ; 8, Daniel, m. Margaret A. Palmer—ch., (1) Benjamin, b. 1837, (2) Mary E., (3) Charles, (4) James A., (5) John W., (6) Margaret E., (7) Henry B., (8) Daniel J., (9) Florence L., b. 1859 ; 9, Hiram, m. first Hannah M. Hubbard—ch., (1) John J., b. 1840, (2) Lydia M., (3) Mary E., (4) George S., b. 1847, m. second Mary Holland ; 10, Benjamin, m. Elizabeth A. Abbott, residence Iowa—ch., (1) Boylston S., (2) Frances J., (3) Caroline E., (4) Solon N., (5) Mary A., (6) Flora A., (7) Lizzie L. ; 11, Charles, m. first Hannah Andrews—ch., (1) John M., residence Iowa, (2) Mary E., (3) Hannah A., (4) Chester M., (5) Margaret E., residence Ohio ; 11, Charles, m. second Ann Brice ; 12, Mary, d. unm. ; 13, Oscar, d. young ; 14, Austin R., b. 1812, m. Marinda Olcott of New York, residence Pendleton, N. Y.—ch., (1) Harriet, (2) Charles W., (3) Mary, (4) Reuben, (5) Emma. VII., John, m. second Mrs. Sarah R. Stone, rem. to Ohio—ch., 1, James R., b. 1816 ; 2, Joseph D. ; 3, Eliza ; 4, Samuel ; 5, Sarah ; 6, Eleanor J. All except Samuel live in Ohio, and all are married and have large families.

J. WILLIAM C. WOODS, native of Prussia, s. in Acworth, 1803, d. 1847, m. Nancy Priest—ch., I., Betsey, m. Moses Chase (see Chase family). II., Nancy A., m., Pelatiah Clark (see Eph. Clark family).

JAMES A. WOOD, native of Alstead, s. in Acworth, —, m. Mary E. Bowers (see Bowers family)—ch., I., Helen E. II., Charles B., d. young. III., George Albert.

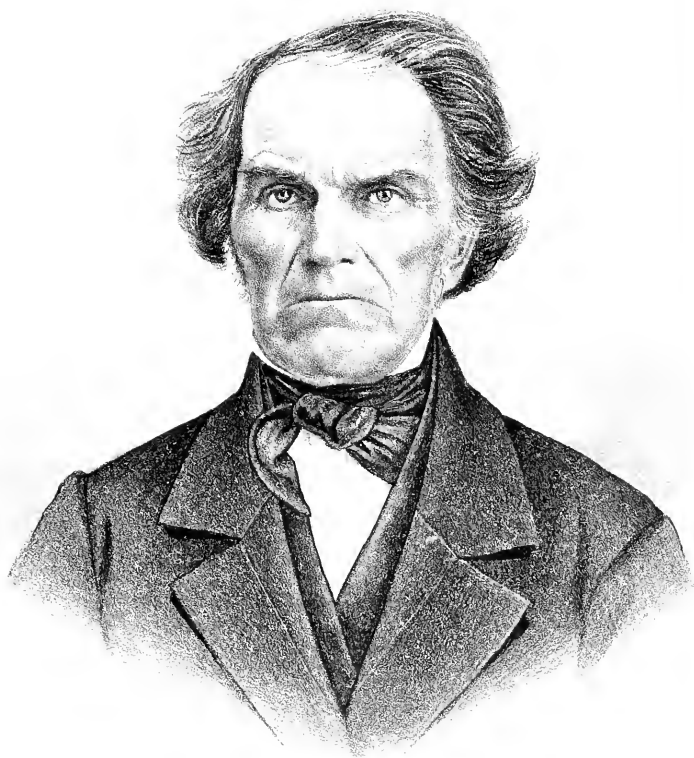
BENJAMIN P. WOOD, native of Alstead, s. in Acworth, 1859, m. Matilda E. Carter—ch., I., Ella E.

ALVAN WOOD, son of Jesse Wood, b. in Berlin, Mass, 1792, s. in Acworth, m. Betsey Prentiss (see Prentiss family), rem. to Vermont—ch., I. and II., twins, Orange and Orrin. I., Orange, m. Rachel S. Morse (see Morse family)—ch., 1, Lucy A., m. Jerome C. Clough (see Clough family) ; 2 George O., d. unm ; 3, Lizzie J. ; 4, Olive R. II., Orrin, m. Jane Keyes (see Keyes family)—ch., I., Albert A. ; 2, William ; 3, Emma J. ; 4, Ella D. ; 5, Duane ; 6, Josephine S. III., Luther P., m. Edna Town—ch., 1,

Ida J. ; 2, Dan ; 3, Cora ; 4, Duane, residence Barre, Vt. IV., Elizabeth, m. John Adams, residence Groton, Vt.—ch., four.

ZACHARIAH WOODBURY came to Acworth from Salem, 1790. His sister HANNAH, who was then widow Raymond, came in 1795. His ancestors for three generations bore the name of *William* ; the first William, his great grandfather, came from Wales to Beverly, Mass., in 1628 ; the second William was pilot on board of the fleet in the expedition against Port Royal, 1704 ; the third William, m. Martha Woodbury, d. aged 93. ZACHARIAH, m. Hannah Corning (aunt of Warren Corning), d. aged 85—ch., I., William, served three years in the Revolutionary war, m. Hannah Kelly and s. in Acworth, 1789—ch., 1, Samuel, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1810, studied divinity, was s. at North Yarmouth, m. Mary Lawrence, sister of Abbott Lawrence of Groton, Mass.—ch., (1) Sarah E., m. Rev. David Fosdick of Groton, Mass.—ch., [1] Samuel, [2] Mary, [3] George, [4] Charles, [5] Frederic, [6] David, d. young, [7] Rose, [8] Lucy, [9] Sarah W. ; 2, Martha, m. Thomas Montgomery (see Montgomery family) ; 3, Ruth, m. Henry Silsby (see Silsby family) ; 4, Polly, m. Robert McClure (see McClure family) ; 5, Ira, m. Betsey Reed, rem. to Ohio, 1816—ch., (1) Samuel R., m. Margaret B. Horton—ch., [1] Edith, [2] George, [3] Amy, (2) Maria L., m. first John E. Johnson—ch., [1] Stephen H., [2] Maria ; (2) Maria L., m. second Peter Martlett—ch., [1] Ira A., [2] James H., [3] Louisa L., [4] Samuel P., [5] Richard, [6] Frances M., [7] Reginald G., [8] Harriet M., [9] Andrew J., (3) Saturnia A., d. young, (4) Phebe L., m. Lyman B. Stilson—ch., [1] Betsey L., [2] Theresa L., d. young, [3] Cordelia J., [4] Mary M., [5] Elmina, [6] Sylvester, [7] Henrietta, [8] Eveline, [9] Eliza, [10] Lucina, (5) Theresa L., m. first Russell H. Spicer—ch., [1] Meroy, [2] Asher, [3] Frank, [4] Mary, [5] Ella, [6] Phebe, (6) Cordelia J., m. John Hynes—ch., [1] Mary, [2] Harriet, [3] Henry, [4] James, [5] Nicholas, [6] Anthony, [7] William, [8] Cordelia, [9] Louisa, [10] Frank, (7) Corinda A., m. A. D. Pinkerton—ch., [1] Cornelia W., [2] Charles W., [3] Carrie, [4] Frederic, [5] Kate, (8) Cornelia R., m. John Field—ch., [1] Frank, [2] Flora, [3] Charles, [4] Carrie, [5] Lillian, [6] Eva, (9) Sarah M., m. Alexander R. Eckert—ch., [1] Sarah A. ; 6, Amos, m. first Mary F. Carlton (see Oliver Carlton family) residence Claremont—ch., (1) William O. G., m. Polly A. Spencer, (2) Mary L., m. John W. Spencer—ch., [1] Sarah A., d. young, [2] Mary J., [3] George W., [4] Edward D., d. young, [5] Nellie E., [6] Ada L., [7] Charles A., [8] Hattie A., d. young, [9] Albert R., d. young, (3) Hannah K., m. Samuel H. Raymington—ch., [1] Isabella J., [2] Angie E., [3] Jane E., [4] William H., [5] Louis M., (4) Eliza C., d. unm., (5) Amos O., m. first Eliza Clark—ch., [1] George W., m. second Deborah Wilcox—ch., [2] Hattie G., (6) Amelia J., m. E. G. Cummings (see Cummings family), (7) Angeline H., m. first Philander Dickey (see Dickey family), m. second Samuel W. Jones of New York city, (8) Sarah ; 6, Amos, m. second Louisa Chandler





*Edward Woodbury*

—ch., (9) James C., d. young, (10) Samuel I.; 7, Lydia; 8, Judith, m. Horace Howe (see Howe family). II., Lois, m. Hezekiah Smith (see Smith family). III., Zachariah, m. Hannah Vinnen, s. in Acworth in 1789, rem. to Ashtabula Co., O., in 1810—ch., 1, Wheeler, m. Maria Pease; 2, Nehemiah, m. Esther Beckwith, daughter of Jason B.; 3, William, m. Polly Hall; 4, Lois, m. Edmund Blood; 5, Sally, m. Nathan Blood (see Blood family); 6, Betsey; 7, Abigail; 8, Hannah; 9, Susanna; 10, Daniel. IV., Andrew built the first mill where G. F. Nichols now lives on Cold River, also a nail factory where O. R. Kemp lives. He m. first Ruth Raymond, m. second Polly Carleton (see Carleton family), rem. to Ohio in 1815—ch., 1, Zachariah; 2, Ruth; 3, Hiram; 4, Harriet; 5, Abigail; 6, Caroline. V., Hannah, m. Enoch Stevens (see Stevens family). VI., Rebecca, m. William Grout (see Grout family). VII., Martha, d. young. VIII., Judith, m. Stephen Yeomans—ch., 1, Joseph; 2, Timothy; 3, Andrew; 4, Stephen.

HENRY WOODBURY, b. 1753, rem. from Salem to Acworth, 1788, was the son of Ebenezer Woodbury, the son of the second William mentioned in the preceding genealogy, whose ancestors came from Wales, in 1628, and s. in Beverly, Mass. His brothers and sisters were Ann, Hannah, Ebenezer, Elizabeth, John, Hezekiah, Lydia, Abigail, Mary, and Andrew, m. Eunice Woodbury, 1775—ch., I., Eunice, m. Benjamin Chatterton (see Chatterton family). II., Jonathan, d. young. III., Ebenezer, m. Abigail Himes (see Himes family), rem. to Middlesex, Vt.—ch., 1, Theda; 2, Henry; 3, Mindwell; 4, Roswell; 5, Joseph; 6, Polly. IV., Lydia, m. Thomas Clark (see Clark family). V., Jesse, m. Lucy Critchet, residence Unity. VI., Betsey, m. Durin Tinker (see Tinker family). VII., Edward, m. Dorcas Thornton (see Thornton family), 1812—ch., 1, William C., m. Cornelia Stebbins (see Stebbins family)—ch., (1) Mary E., (2) Willie S.; 2, Charles M., m. Louisa G. Currier (see Graham family), 1842—ch., (1) Charles E., (2) William L., (3) Ellen L.; 3, Mason M., m. Mrs. Betsey M. Archer (see Graham family), 1865—ch., (1) Edward; 4, Isaac, m. Mary G. Brooks (see Brooks family), 1853; 5, Jacob, m. Maria M. Davis (see Davis family), 1855—ch., (1) Frank E., (2) and (3) twins, William M., d. young, Charles L. VIII., John, m. Hannah Davis (see Davis family), 1817—ch., 1, Mary, m. Willis Straw, rem. to Dalton—ch., (1) Amelia M., (2) Angelia L., (3) Alice A., (4) John W., (5) Grace A., d. young, (6) Luke E., d. young, (7) Lydia W.; 2, Luke; 3, Jonathan, m. Jerusha L. Stevens of Claremont; 4, Hiram; 5, Lois, m. Timothy Carwin—ch., (1) Dora A., d. young; 6, Lydia, d. unm.; 7, Dorcas, m. Nathaniel Wheeler—ch., (1) Clarence, (2) Frank, (3) Lois; 8, Edward; 9, H. Martin, d. in army. IX., Dolly, d. unm. X., Hannah. XI., Lovina. XII., Fanny.

WILLIAM C. WOODBURY, son of *Curtis Woodbury*, was b. at Beverly, Mass., 1768, m. first Rebecca Dodge of Beverly, 1792, s. in Acworth, 1827, and rem. to Francestown, 1837—ch., I., Rebecca, b. 1794, m. George Groce

of Beverly. II., William, d. young. III., Sally, d. young. IV., William, m. Lydia Morse, d. in Manchester, 1852. V., Hannah, d. young. He m. second Patty Dodge of Wenham, Mass.—ch., VI., Ebenezer, b. 1806, m. Lydia Holbrook, d. 1868. VII., Henry, b. 1808, m. Hannah Davidson (see Davidson family)—ch., 1, Adoniram J., b. 1833, m. Harriet E. Farrington—ch., (1) Henry J., (2) Nellie A., residence Manchester; 2, Sallie D., residence Denver, Colorado; 3, Eri D., graduated at Dartmouth College, 1863; enlisted in the 1st Vermont Cavalry the same year; captured a confederate standard in Sheridan's "twenty miles fight," for which he received a Congressional medal; was twice wounded; at the close of the war was Captain by brevet; is now professor in the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, Conn.; 4, Samuel S., residence Colorado; 5, Roger W., m. Emma G. York. At the commencement of the war enlisted in the 3d N. H. Vols.; was ordinance officer of the 2d Division 10th Army Corps; was promoted to Captain; is now editor of the "Colorado Tribune," at Denver—ch., (1) Frank S.; 6, Hannah R., d. young; 7, Mary A., d. young. VIII., Adoniram J., m. Elizabeth Stratton. IX., Samuel H., m. Sally L. Davidson (see Davidson family), d. in Texas, 1840. X., Perlinda K., m. Joseph E. Burpee of Cambridgeport, Mass. XI., Joseph L., d. young.

JOSEPH WOODBURY was a native of Sterling, Mass., his father having removed there from Beverly, Mass., m. Lavinia Weber, and s. in Aeworth, 1830—ch., I., Lavinia, b. in Beverly, m. first Richard Colburn—ch., 1, Orissa, m. Stockwell Parker; 2, Benjamin, m. Sophia Balcom; m. second Henry L. Eaton, residence Candia. II., William W., d. young. III., Joseph, d. young. IV., Mary. V., Joseph F., fitted for College at New Hampton, graduated at Waterville, Me., studied medicine, now residing at Atlanta, Ga., m. first ——— Emory. VI., Albert M., m. Lucy Wadleigh, residence Elmore, Vt.—ch., 1, Charles A., killed in the army; 2, Urban A., lost an arm in the war; 3, Herbert; 4, Ida; 5, Carrie. VII., William W., fitted for college at New Hampton, graduated at Waterville, Me., 1840. "His college course was marked by great religious fidelity, and by indefatigable zeal in study, and the records of the Institution show him to have been the first scholar in his class." On leaving college he was for three years principal of the High School in Augusta, Me., and for five years was at the head of the Bath High School. In 1848 he removed to Suffield, Conn., and became principal of the Connecticut Literary Institution, where he remained until his death in 1856, m. Clemelia Hallet—ch., 1, William H.; 2, Emma; 3, Edward D.; 4, Irving. VIII., Winthrop H., m. Mary Wadleigh, residence Boston—ch., 1, Adelaide; 2, Helen; 3, Luella, d. young; 4, Eugene, d. young. IX., Edwin C., m. Chastina Jenks, residence Winchester, Mass.—ch., 1, Edwin E.; 2, Chastina; 3 and 4, twins, 3, Charles E., and 4, Evaline. X., Melissa A. P., m. Roswell George (see George family).

JAMES YOUNG came to Aeworth from Salisbury, 1813, m. Eliza ——— ch., I., Cynthia, m. W. J. Stevens (see Stevens family). II., Elizabeth,

m. Dea. Joseph Smith (see David Smith family). III., Daniel, m. Laura Mason, residence Hill—ch., 1, Charles ; 2, Shuah F. ; 3, Oscar ; 4, Augusta. IV., Phebe. V., Milton, m. first Jane Avery—ch., 1, Eliza, m. second Eliza Ward, residence Jamaica Plain, Mass. VI., Judith J., m. Milton Mason of Hill—ch., 1, Eliza J. ; 2, Frank ; 3, Harriet ; 4, Luther ; 5, Sarah ; 6, Lucetta ; 7, Emma. VII., James A., m. Nancy J. Burke, residence Boston—ch., 1, Louisa. VIII., Emily, m. James R. Adams of Hill—ch., 1, Warner ; 2, Ellen A. ; 3, Susan ; 4, Martha. IX., George W., m. Sally A. Cummings (see Cummings family)—ch., 1, Arthera G. X., Sarah, m. Charles G. Livingston of Unity—ch., 1, Mary ; 2, Katie ; 3, Abner.

GEORGE F. YOUNGMAN, native of Lempster, m. Catherine S. McKeen (see McKeen family), s. in Acworth, 1865—ch., I., Etta.

# Appendix.

## REGISTER OF HOMESTEADS.

A LIST OF THE ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS OF LOTS AND RESIDENT OWNERS OF  
THE HOMESTEADS IN ACWORTH.

[The names of the original proprietors are in small capitals, and those of the  
present owners in italics. A star (\*) prefixed indicates  
another homestead on the same lot.]

### RANGE No. 1.

Lot No. 1, EPHRAIM ADAMS. West part, Samuel Drury, Wyman Cheever. East part, Thomas Hardy, Eleb Hardy, <i>Uninhabited.</i>	Ebenezer Place, David Buss, <i>George P. Dickey.</i>
Lot No. 2, JAMES NEVINS. West part, James Miller, Moses Miller, Samuel Waldo, Leonard Whitney, Edwin Green, Seneca Sweet, <i>Moses Moulton.</i> East part, Rufus Hardy, Eleb Hardy, <i>Liberty R. Hardy.</i>	Lots Nos. 5 and 6. J. MILTIMORE, Hugh Hodge, Capt. James Dickey, Joseph Dickey, John F. Dickey, James A. Dickey, <i>Solon S. King.</i>
Lot No. 3, JAMES NEVINS, David Copeland, Jonathan Knowlton, Jeremiah Weatherhead, Levi Weatherhead, Samuel King, Benjamin S. King, <i>Asa M. Fisher.</i>	Lot No. 7, VRYLING STODDARD, James Rodgers, Jonathan Rodgers, Thomas Rodgers, <i>Horace K. Rugg.</i>
Lot No. 4, EBENEZER BRIDGE, Thomas Spear, Thomas Dickey,	Lot No. 8, THEODORE ATKINSON, <i>Non-resident.</i> Lot No. 9, NATH. BUTTERFIELD, John Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Zenas Slader, Norman G. Slader, <i>Paul Cummings.</i> Lot No. 10, WILLIAM THOMPSON. South part, Benjamin Dickey,



North part,	Zenas Slader, Nathaniel Poland, Ransom Severance, J. and H. Barney, —— Bowman, Joseph G. Silsby, James W. Fiske, <i>George Lamb.</i>	Lot No. 12, JONA. BLANCHARD, Frederic Keyes.
	William Rodgers, Timothy Putnam, Samuel Finlay, <i>Francis S. Trow.</i>	Lot No. 13, WM. THOMPSON, James Pease, Joseph Chatterton.
		Lot No. 14, TIMOTHY DUSTIN. West part, Joseph Chatterton.
		Lot No. 15, BENJAMIN BUTTERFIELD, Thomas Davis, <i>Samuel W. Blodgett.</i>
Lot No. 11,	J. WENTWORTH, Hugh Finlay, Joseph Finlay, William Warner, Hugh F. Warner, Barnet F. Warner.	Lot No. 16, WILLIAM ROBEY, Non-resident.
		Lot No. 17, S. FITCH, <i>Non-resident.</i>
		Lot No. 18, S. FITCH, <i>Non-resident.</i>

## RANGE No. 2.

Lot No. 1,	A. CLARK, Calvin Williams, Samuel Wakdo, Butterfield Williams, David Whitney, <i>Daniel Peasley.</i>	Moses Templeton, <i>George M. Gowen.</i>
Lot No. 2,	COL. GREELEY, Isaac Foster, Jr., James Prentice, Robert Huntley, Joseph Whitney, Leonard Whitney, David Whitney, Stephen Miller, Henry Heard, Jr., Jehial Gowing, William Minard, <i>Alba M. Bragg,</i> <i>Schlouse, Dist. No. 12.</i>	Lot No. 5, EPH. ADAMS, William Duncan, James Davidson, Samuel McKeen, Pelatiah Clark, John W. Clark, <i>Henry Heard, Jr.</i>
Lot No. 3,	VRYLING STODDARD, Lieut. James Dickey, Mrs. Anna Dickey, John F. Dickey, Jonathan H. Dickey, <i>Samuel King,</i> <i>James A. Dickey.</i>	Lot No. 6, A. BLANCHARD, Col. John Duncan, Theron Duncan, <i>Freeman E. Brackett.</i>
Lot No. 4,	S. C. GOULD, Samuel Shorey, Thomas Templeton,	Lot No. 7, REUBEN KILLICUT. West part, John Rodgers, John Humphrey, John Hayward, Allen Hayward, Joseph Brackett, <i>John S. Osgood.</i> East part, John Wallace, Capt. Joseph Gregg, William Warner, Daniel Warner, <i>Mrs. Betsey Warner.</i>
		Lots Nos. 8 and 9, BENJAMIN BUTTERFIELD. Samuel Campbell, John Dickey,

Adam Dickey,  
James Dinsmore,  
John Hayward,  
Orrin Taylor,  
*Mrs. Deborah A. Taylor.*

Lot No. 10, STEPHEN POWERS,  
John McMurphy,  
Robert McCoy,  
Robert McDole,  
Alanson C. Brown,  
Levi H. Griffin,  
Saw-mill on this lot,  
*Thomas Bull.*

Lot No. 11, S. POWERS,  
Jonas Keyes,  
William Clark.  
South part, Ebenezer Lancaster,  
John Lancaster,  
James Rawson,  
*Thomas Bull.*  
North part, Joshua Lancaster,  
Harvey Lancaster,  
John Moore,  
*Robert Finlay,*  
*John Finlay,*  
*Sch'l house, Dist. No. 3.*

Lot No. 12, JAMES RODGERS,  
Capt. Joseph Finlay,  
Samuel Finlay, Esq.,  
*Hugh Finlay,*  
*Aaron S. Finlay.*

Lot No. 13, JONATHAN BLANCHARD,  
Capt. William Keyes,  
John Keyes,  
*Jesse Slader.*

Lot No. 14, S. BARRON,  
Samuel Smith, Jr.,  
William Clark,  
Stephen Thornton,  
*John Grout.*

Lot No. 15, JONATHAN HARDY,  
Edward Keyes,  
Ebenezer Place,  
*Uninhabited.*

Lot No. 16, N. BUTTERFIELD,  
Andrew Grout,  
*Darius J. Eaton.*

Lot No. 17, S. FITCH,  
Stephen Keyes,  
G. Keyes,  
Russell Adams,  
James Young,  
*William J. Stevens,*  
*\*Richard Clifford,*  
*Richard Clifford, Jr.,*  
*\*Eli Smith,*  
*\*Samuel Clark,*  
*DANIEL CLARK.*

Lot No. 18, S. FITCH,  
*Non-resident.*

#### RANGE No. 3.

Lot No. 1, SAMUEL FRENCH.  
West side, Phineas Blood,  
William Boyd,  
Ephraim Clark,  
Philo Thayer,  
Robert Morrison,  
Solon D. Morrison,  
Charles M. Fish,  
*Edwin Green.*  
East side, Alexander McCollom,  
William Anderson,  
Stephen R. Chapin,  
Samuel Osgood,  
Thomas A. Hardy,  
*Benjamin S. King.*

Lot No. 2, J. MILTIMORE,

John Perkins,  
Asa Coburn,  
William Prentice,  
Abram Moore,  
Lemuel Blood,  
Leonard Whitney,  
Daniel Peasley,  
*Isaac Newton.*

Lot No. 3, ALEXANDER CLARK.  
South side, Samuel Prentice,  
Durren Tinker,  
John Osgood,  
John Osgood, Jr.,  
Joseph Osgood,  
*Mary and Sarah Osgood.*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| North side, Samuel McKeen,<br>Ephraim Clark.   | East end, Joseph Hayward.<br>Moses Lancaster,<br>William Lancaster,<br>James Davidson,<br>Amos J. Lock,<br>Ebenezer Buswell.   |
| Lot No. 4, O. FARWELL,<br><i>Non-resident.</i>   |  |
| Lot No. 5, EPH. ADAMS,<br>Stephen Thornton,<br>James Wallace, Jr.,<br>Thomas Murdough,<br>Barnet C. Finlay,<br>Nehemiah Hayward,<br>Joseph Provence.   | Lot No. 13, WILLIAM STORY,<br>Joel Bigalow,<br>James Campbell, Esq.,<br>John L. Slader,<br>William Lancaster,<br><i>Uninhabited.</i>   |
| Lot No. 6, O. FARWELL,<br>James Wallace,<br><i>James Wallace, Jr.,</i><br>Joseph F. Wallace,<br>Sylvester A. Reed.   | Lot No. 14, REUBEN KILLICUT,<br>Elijah Parker,<br>Walter Himes,<br>Warren Corning,<br>Joshua G. Silsby,<br>Grist-mill once on this lot.<br>Jesse Wallace,<br>Timothy O'Larry,<br><i>Lauriston Keyes.</i> |
| Lots Nos. 7 and 8,<br>BENJAMIN FRENCH,<br>Lieut. John Rodgers,<br>Capt. John Rodgers,<br>George March,<br>Henry Gleason,<br><i>Alonzo A. Mathereson,</i><br><i>Sch'l-house, Dist. No. 2,</i><br>*Jonathan Rodgers,<br>*Stephen Warner,<br>John Davidson. | Lot No. 15, AUGUSTUS BLANCHARD,<br>David Cross,<br>Eliduran Stowell,<br>Lasell Silsby,<br>Charles Perkins,<br>Ira A. Wheeler,<br>Daniel Hart,<br>Lauriston Keyes.  |
| Lot No. 9, JONATHAN PARKER,<br>William Farwell, Jr.,<br>John Wilson,<br>John Wilson, Jr.,<br>Aaron Nelson,<br>John L. Slader,<br>—— Harriman,<br>Horace Collier,<br>Iddo Church.   | Lot No. 16, WILLIAM PIERCE,<br>Henry Woodbury,<br>John Woodbury,<br>Jonathan Woodbury,<br>Edward Woodbury,<br><i>Daniel C. Walker,</i><br><i>Sch'l-house, Dist. No. 4.</i>                               |
| Lot No. 10, JONATHAN HARDY,<br><i>Non-resident.</i>  | Lot No. 17, O. FARWELL,<br>Eli Smith,<br>Samuel Clark,<br><i>Uninhabited.</i>  |
| Lot No. 11, JAMES RODGERS,<br><i>Non-resident.</i>   |  |
| Lot No. 12, WILLIAM ROBEY.<br>West end, Solomon Bigalow.<br>Capt. Daniel Mack,<br>Jacob Hayward,<br>Jacob Hayward, Jr.,  | Lot No. 18, MAJ. WENTWORTH,<br>Benjamin Webster,<br>John Orcutt,<br>Daniel Orcutt,<br>Zephaniah Johnson,<br><i>George P. Johnson.</i>  |

## RANGE No. 4.

Lot No. 1, JAMES MCGREGORE.  
South part, Archibald McCollum,  
Larnard Thayer,  
Larnard Thayer, Jr.,  
*Harvey Howard.*

North part, Ezekiel Thayer,  
Warren Thayer,  
*Samuel Watts,*  
\*John Williams.

Lot No. 2, S. BARRON,  
James Miller,  
John Williams,  
Orison J. Williams,  
Ezra Tarbell,  
Frederic Tarbell,  
*Jubal B. Buck,*  
\*Colburn Williams.

Lot No. 3, A. CLARK,  
Hugh McKeen,  
Joseph Ball,  
Ebenezer G. Stevens,  
Jehial Gowing,  
Dustin G. Osgood,  
*Elijah Huntley.*

Lot No. 4, ——— STODDARD, JR.,  
Isaac Butterfield,  
Lewis Brigham,  
*Uninhabited.*

Lot No. 5, JOHN PARKER,  
Stephen Warner,  
John Prentice,  
Thomas Ball,  
Thomas Murdough,  
John F. D. Murdough,  
*George W. Leighton.*

Lot No. 6, S. CUMMINS,  
William Addison,  
*Uninhabited.*

Lot No. 7, JOHN HARDY.  
West part, Robert Davidson,  
John Davidson,  
Joshua G. Silsby,  
Marvin F. Silsby,  
Windsor Gleason,  
John Hayward,  
*Thomas B. Hayward.*

Lot No. 8, James Davidson,  
Robert Davidson,  
Augustus Bradford,  
Abner Gage,  
Benjamin Kemp,  
Aaron Kemp,  
Daniel Nye,  
Iddo Church,  
*Azel H. Church,*  
\*Miss Betsey Hovey,  
Mrs. Patty Davidson,  
Miss Fanny Bradford,  
Allen Hayward,  
*Horace Whipple,*  
*William Whipple.*

Lot No. 9, NATHL. GARFIELD,  
Peter Ewens,  
\*Edward Keyes,  
James Ewens,  
Peter Polley,  
Flint Polley,  
Horace Whipple.

Lot No. 10, B. BYAM,  
Mehuman Stebbins,  
Frederic Stebbins,  
Thomas Dickey,  
Town farm,  
*David Blanchard,*  
*Solon Blanchard.*

Lot No. 11, DAVID BURGE,  
Samuel Harper,  
Daniel Grout, Esq.,  
Alexander Grout,  
Thomas Clark,  
N. B. Roundy,  
Levi Gowing,  
Joseph Hayward,  
*Hiram N. Hayward.*

Lot No. 12, WILLIAM PIERCE,  
Samuel Harper,  
Joseph Chatterton,  
Alpheus Chatterton,  
*Lyman Buswell.*

Lot No. 13, WILLIAM STORY,  
William Lancaster,  
Jehial Gowing,  
Sanford Mason,

Chapin K. Brooks, John P. Davis, Thomas McQuiggin, <i>Nehemiah Hayward.</i>	Thomas Clark, <i>Uninhabited.</i>
Lot No. 14, J. BLANCHARD, <i>Non-resident.</i>	Lot No. 17, O. FARWELL, Samuel Lufkin, Ezra Lufkin, Charles M. Lufkin.
Lot No. 15, N. GARFIELD, <i>Non resident.</i>	Lot No. 18, MAJ. WENTWORTH, Thomas Davis, Cotton W. Davis, <i>Marquis D. Gould.</i>
Lot No. 16, WILLIAM PIERCE, William Clark,	

## RANGE No. 5.

Lot No. 1, BENJAMIN FRENCH, Larnard Thayer, James Morse, Joseph Ware, Joseph Ware, Jr., Joseph Evans, Hananiah Allen, Daniel Peasley, <i>George Hutch.</i>	Lot No. 6, J. DUSTIN, Thomas Putnam, Esq., Silsby Stevens, Elisha Parks, James M. Warner, George M. Warner, <i>Mrs. Betsey G. Stevens,</i> <i>Alexander G. Graham.</i>
Lot No. 2, JONATHAN PIERCE, <i>Uninhabited.</i>	Lot No. 7, JAMES RODGERS, Joseph Webb, Moses Coffin, Daniel Nourse, Daniel Nourse, Jr., William Hayward, William Prentiss, <i>Leri Prentiss.</i>
Lot No. 3, R. KILLICUT, [lot. Beryl Mountain on this <i>Uninhabited.</i>	Lot No. 8, Eli Smith.
Lot No. 4, VRYLING STODDARD, Thomas Hill, Joseph Markham, Seth Markham, Jeduthan Waldo, Joseph Thayer, Benjamin Nichols, <i>Asa Webster,</i> *Samuel McDuffie, Sylvester A. Reed, Ruel G. Bascomb, <i>Dustin G. Osgood.</i>	Lot No. 9, MOSES ESTERBROOK, Samuel Smith, Edward Smith, Daniel Robinson, Winslow Allen, <i>Winslow C. Neal,</i> * <i>Granville Gilmore.</i>
Lot No. 5, J. BLANCHARD, Thomas Putnam, Esq., First saw and grist-mill in town, *Lewis Slader, Isaac Clark, Orville L. Slader, <i>Joseph Brackett.</i>	Lot No. 10, REUBEN GOULD, Dr. Benjamin C. Parker, Samuel Finlay, <i>Mrs. Lucinda Finlay,</i> *Dawson Russell, Lemuel Lincoln, [ing, Mrs. Charlotte Spauld- William Prentiss, John P. Davis, George H. Chatterton,

- William Prentiss,  
*Mrs. Sarah F. Prentiss,*  
 \*Parsonage,  
*Rev. J. L. Merrill,*  
 \*Dr. Daniel Grout,  
 John Grout,  
 Rev. Phineas Cook,  
*Nathaniel Warner,*  
 \*Nathaniel Grout,  
 Chapin K. Brooks,  
 Gilman Breed,  
 Dr. Edwin T. Atwood,  
*Thomas M. Dickey,*  
 \*Store,  
 Hollister Archer,  
 \*Samuel Slader,  
 Thomas Dodge,  
 Nath'l and John Grout,  
 Thomas Dickey,  
 Stillman Vilas,  
 Cyrus K. Vilas,  
 Aaron W. Sparling,  
 Charles A. Gould,  
*Luther S. Davis,*  
 \*Samuel Slader,  
 Miss Corrina Slader,  
*Joseph G. Silsby,*  
 \*Dean Carleton,  
 \*William Heywood,  
 John Moore,  
 John Davidson,  
 Hezekiah Copeland,  
*Henry Gould,*  
 \*Orlin R. Kemp,  
*Mrs. Lusina Crosby,*  
 \*Levi Crawford,  
*Mrs. Lucy A. Moore,*  
 \*Edward Woodbury,  
*Mason M. Woodbury.*
- Lot No. 11, SAMUEL KING,  
 Jacob Hayward,  
 William Hayward,  
*Barnet C. Finlay,*  
 \*Henry Silsby, Esq.,  
 Eliphaz Silsby,  
 Levi Hayward's store,  
 Levi Hayward,  
 Ithiel Silsby,  
 Francis Brown,  
 Willard M. Perham,  
*Mrs. Susan Perham,*  
 \*Charles A. Snow.
- Lot No. 12, JACOB FARMER,  
 Julius Silsby,  
 Solomon Grout,  
 Samuel Silsby,  
 Nathaniel Huntley,  
 John Albree,  
 Lemuel Lincoln,  
 Joseph Albree,  
*Asa Dodge,*  
 \*Hugh Henry,  
 Robert Holmes,  
 Josiah Boutwell,  
 Capt. Joseph Gregg,  
 James Morse,  
 Orange Wood,  
*Granville Mitchell,*  
 Tannery once on this lot.
- Lot No. 13, J. BLANCHARD.  
 West part, John Reed,  
 Bezaleel Beekwith,  
 Jonathan H. Reed,  
 Daniel Warner,  
 Joseph G. Silsby,  
*Benjamin P. Wood.*  
 East end, \*John Albree,  
 Asa Partridge,  
 Oliver Carlton,  
 Joshua G. Silsby,  
*Eliphalet Bailey,*  
*George Bailey.*
- Lot No. 14, WILLIAM STACY,  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 15, BENJAMIN FRENCH.  
 West part, Charles Mathewson,  
 Horace Mathewson,  
 Charles C. Mathewson,  
 Albert J. Straw,  
 John F. Page,  
*David H. Whipple.*  
 East part, Amasa Mathewson,  
 Harvey Liscomb,  
 James Rawson,  
 Granville Mitchell,  
*Isaac J. Page.*
- Lot No. 16, JONATHAN GILMORE,  
 Lieut. Thomas McLure,  
 William Lyon,  
 Robert Walker,  
*Roswell Walker.*

Lot No. 17, FOR FIRST MINISTER,  
Capt. James McLure,  
E. Clifford,  
Royal Bailey,  
*Uninhabited.*

Lot No. 18, MAJ. WENTWORTH,  
Phineas Blood,  
Daniel Straw,  
Winslow Copeland,  
Hezekiah Copeland.

## RANGE No. 6.

Lot No. 1, ROBERT ADAMS,  
Alexander Brown,  
William Woods,  
Moses Chase,  
A. Chase,  
Pelatiah Clark,  
*Uninhabited.*

Lot No. 2, J. CRAIGE,  
Christopher Ayres,  
Benjamin Mayo,  
Alden Gee,  
Luke Nichols,  
John Buckminster,  
*Americus K. Howard.*

Lot No. 3, A. BLANCHARD,  
Dea. Alexander Houston,  
Alexander Houston, Jr.,  
*George Houston.*

Lot No. 4, J. DAVIDSON,  
\**Mariam Buckminster,*  
\*Truman M. Silsby,  
*Ebenezer Grout, Jr.,*  
\**Sylvester A. Reed,*  
\**William Osgood,*  
\*A. C. Field,  
*George B. Field,*  
\**Adna Keyes,*  
\**Union Hall,*  
\**Baptist Meeting-House,*  
\**Methodist Meeting-House*  
\*Joseph Ball,  
Zia Peck,  
Mrs. Sally Peck,  
*Jacob B. Richardson,*  
Joseph Markham,  
Seth Markham,  
John Hayward,  
James Dinsmore,  
Pelatiah Clark,  
Henry Woodbury,  
James Bowers,  
*Mrs. Nancy D. Bowers,*  
*James A. Wood,*

\*Hannah Gates,  
Joseph S. Bowers,  
*Horace Campbell,*  
\*John B. Hardy,  
Jason H. Boynton,  
Nathan Adams,  
\*John F. Page,  
Miss Maria Mann,  
*Elliot Smith,*  
\*A. C. Field,  
Mrs. Lois K. Hardy,  
*Porter Munroe,*  
\*A. C. Field,  
John P. Davis,  
Flint Polley,  
*Mrs. Cynthia Polley.*

Lot No. 5, S. STODDARD,  
Maj. Joel Angier,  
Henry R. Gray,  
John B. Hardy,  
Edward Savage,  
*Mrs. Lydia Savage,*  
\*Sewell F. Hays,  
*Henry L. Silsby,*  
\*Capt. Henry Coffin,  
William Mitchell,  
John Mitchell,  
Elisha Parks, Esq.,  
Samuel W. Prouty,  
James Streeter,  
*Ephraim Cummings,*  
*Charles B. Cummings,*  
\*Porter Monroe,  
*Isaac Campbell,*  
\*James Bowers,  
Ebenezer Jones,  
Jacob B. Richardson,  
*Aaron W. Sparling,*  
\*William F. Davis,  
Roswell George,  
*Levi Barney,*  
*Joel Porter,*  
\*Store,  
George F. Nichols,  
Sylvester A. Reed,

*John F. Page,*  
*Israel Abbott,*  
*Oliver Studley,*  
*William F. Whitman,*  
*\*Orange Wood,*  
*\*Alvah W. Barney,*  
*A. M. Crosby,*  
*Elisha Parks, Esq.,*  
*Henry R. Gray,*  
*Ebenezer Jones,*  
*Eliphalet Parks,*  
*James M. Holden,*  
*John Dean,*  
*\*Nathan Adams,*  
*\*Porter Monroe,*  
*\*James A. Wood,*  
*John P. Davis,*  
*Jacob B. Richardson,*  
*Jacob F. Richardson,*  
*Mrs. Sarah Peck,*  
*Store,*  
*\*Saw and Grist-Mill,*  
*\*Woolen Factory,*  
*\*Starch Factory,*  
*Shoe-Peg Manufactory,*  
*\*Saw-Mill,*  
*\*School-House, District*  
*No. 11,*  
*\*William Markham,*  
*Thomas Slader, Esq.,*  
*Thomas Slader, Jr.,*  
*Joseph Hayward.*

Lot No. 6, *J. BLANCHARD,*  
*Isaac Duncan,*  
*Rufus Brigham,*  
*Daniel A. Ryder.*

Lot No. 7, ——— *STODDARD,*  
*Levi Stearns,*  
*John Brown,*  
*Lemuel Lincoln,*  
*William Prentiss,*  
*Harvey Lincoln.*

Lot No. 8, *Amasa Lincoln,*  
*Tannery.*

Lot No. 9, *S. STODDARD.*  
 West part, *Lieut. Ephraim Keyes,*  
*Dr. Abram Watson,*  
*John Kimball,*  
*James M. Warner,*

*Asa Newton,*  
*Samuel Bradford,*  
*James Gowing,*  
*Miss Lima Grear,*  
*Winslow C. Neal,*  
*Stephen F. Pond.*  
 East part, *Orrin D. Wood,*  
*Moore's Keyes,*  
*Nathaniel Bixby,*  
*Calvin D. Peck,*  
*Calvin Peck,*  
*Calvin Pond,*  
*Capt. Henry Coffin.*

Lot No. 10, *JOHN HARDY,*  
*William Heywood,*  
*David Montgomery,*  
*Charles A. Hull,*  
*\*Chapin K. Brooks,*  
*\*Hugh Henry's store,*  
*\*Sch'l-house, Dist. No. 1,*  
*Chapin K. Brooks,*  
*\*Charles M. Woodbury,*  
*Nicholas E. Sargent,*  
*Charles M. Woodbury,*  
*\*Gavin Gilmore, Esq.,*  
*Mrs. Anna Gilmore,*  
*Jonathan H. Dickey,*  
*G. Gilmore's store,*  
*\*John Moore,*  
*Gardner Brown,*  
*Nehemiah Hayward,*  
*Lieut. Ephraim Keyes,*  
*Amos Keyes,*  
*Ithiel Silsby,*  
*Moses Davis,*  
*John P. Davis,*  
*William McLure,*  
*William Hayward,*  
*\*Lewis Brigham,*  
*Jonathan Hovey,*  
*\*William Heywood,*  
*John Davis,*  
*Miss Betsey Pinkerton,*  
*Mrs. Polly Place,*  
*John McLure,*  
*Misses Anna and Betsey*  
*McLure,*  
*\*Ithiel Silsby,*  
*Dr. Lyman Brooks,*  
*Mrs. Mary Brooks,*  
*\*I. Silsby's store,*  
*\*Isaac Nesmith,*



- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>Daniel Robinson,<br/>William Hayward,<br/>Dr. C. P. Hatch,<br/>Daniel J. Warner,<br/>Davis B. Prentiss,<br/>Richard Smith,<br/>Daniel J. Warner,<br/><i>Mrs. Maryette Warner.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 11, DAVID BROWN,<br/>Lieut. Ephraim Keyes,<br/>*James Wallace,<br/><i>Misses H. and F. Wood-<br/>bury.</i><br/>*Miss Peggy McLure,<br/>Mrs. Lyon,<br/>Adam Wallace,<br/>Daniel Warner,<br/>Henry Smith,<br/>Moses Davis,<br/>Lauriston Keyes.</p> <p>Lot No. 12, EBENEZER GOULD,<br/>*Henry Silsby, Esq.,<br/>Laseil Silsby,<br/>Samuel Anderson,<br/><i>Samuel Anderson, Jr.,<br/>David C. Anderson.</i></p> | <p>Lot No. 13, WILLIAM THOMPSON,<br/><i>Non-resident.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 14, THOMAS CRAIGE,<br/><i>Non-resident.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 15, TIMOTHY DAVIS,<br/>Amos Bailey,<br/>Luke Putnam,<br/>Oliver Putnam,<br/><i>John Vinton.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 16, NATHANIEL GARFIELD,<br/>John Bailey,<br/>Aaron W. Sparling.</p> <p>Lot No. 17, WILLIAM PARKER,<br/>James McLaughlin,<br/>William Smith,<br/>Kimball Smith,<br/><i>George Walker.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 18, WILLIAM PARKER,<br/>Amasa Keyes,<br/><i>Amos Reed,<br/>Wilbra B. Reed.</i></p> |
|---|---|

## RANGE No. 7.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>Lot No. 1, ROBERT ADAMS,<br/>Thomas Hill,<br/>Luke Moore,<br/>Flagg Moore,<br/>Willard Moore,<br/>Edward Savage,<br/>Samuel E. Mann,<br/><i>John H. Clark.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 2, THOMAS CRAIGE,<br/>Hugh McKeen,<br/>Paul Mason,<br/>Horace Mason,<br/>Russell D. Silsby,<br/>George H. Gassett,<br/>Mrs. Hannah Gates.</p> <p>Lot No. 3, JAMES MCGREGORE,<br/>Samuel McKeen, Jr.,<br/>Samuel McKeen, Sen.,<br/>George F. Youngman,<br/>Truman B. Richardson,<br/>Joseph Richardson,</p> | <p><i>Merrill Robie,<br/>*John McKeen.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 4, REUBEN GOULD,<br/>Elisha Dexter,<br/>John Grimes,<br/>Joel Turner,<br/>Joel Angier,<br/>Reuben Angier,<br/>Joseph S. Bowers.</p> <p>Lot No. 5, DAVID MCGREGORE.<br/>East part, Levi Turner,<br/>Ezekiel Fletcher,<br/>Silas Gleason,<br/>Joseph Gleason.<br/>West part, Enoch Stevens.</p> <p>Lot No. 6, JOHN BYAM,<br/><i>Non-resident.</i></p> <p>Lot No. 7, J. GILMORE,<br/><i>Uninhabited.</i></p> |
|---|---|

Lots Nos. 8 and 9,  
FOR FIRST MINISTER.  
West part, Samuel Slader,  
Warren Corning,  
Flagg Moore,  
Joseph F. Moore,  
*Daniel Nye.*  
East part, Lasel Silsby,  
John Perham,  
Franklin Perham,  
*James M. Davis.*

Lot No. 10, JOHN HARDY,  
Lieut. James Campbell,  
\*David Campbell,  
*Daniel Robinson, 2d,*  
\*Horace Chapman,  
*Charles A. Lawton,*  
\*Benjamin Gregg,  
James Morse,  
*Horace Buswell,*  
\*Lewis Brigham,  
*Thomas B. Bachelder,*  
\*John Pearson,  
Mrs. Betsey Pearson,  
*Oliver Chapin,*  
\*Andrew Woodbury,  
James Pearson,  
\*John Reed,  
Joseph Blanchard,  
David Blanchard,  
Tannery,  
Charles B. Cummings,  
*Orlin R. Kemp.*

Lot No. 11, WILLIAM ROBEY.  
West part, John Archibald,  
Lasel Silsby,  
Lieut. James Campbell,  
Amos Campbell,  
Newton Gage,  
*William W. Johnson.*  
East part, Lasel Silsby,  
James Morse,  
*Dexter Copeland.*

Lot No. 12, O. PIERCE.  
West part, William Farwell,  
John Reed,  
Robert Gilmore,

David Cummings,  
Ephraim Cummings,  
*Alpheus Chatterton,*  
*Edwin S. Chatterton.*  
East part, Supply Reed,  
David Carrier,  
Saw-mill,  
Silas Beekwith,  
Ephraim Howe,  
*Calvin E. Howe.*

Lot No. 13, SAMUEL KING,  
Capt. Jonathan Silsby,  
Dea. Henry Silsby,  
*Rufus Hilliard,*  
*Saw-mill,*  
\*James M. Reed,  
*Joseph P. Cram.*

Lot No. 14, JOHN BYAM,  
Meluman Stebbins,  
Jonas Keyes,  
Lieut. Oliver Carleton,  
John Gilmore,  
Joshua G. Silsby,  
Truman Silsby,  
Truman M. Silsby,  
*George W. Lathrop.*

Lot No. 15, S. STODDARD,  
Abel Humphrey,  
Amos Ingalls,  
Jonathan H. Reed.

Lot No. 16, O. PIERCE,  
Edmund Blood,  
Amos Ingalls,  
Kimball Smith,  
Horace Howe,  
*Mrs. Judith Howe.*

Lot No. 17, S. STODDARD,  
*Non-resident.*

Lot No. 18, JONATHAN GILMORE,  
Thomas Gear,  
Fielding Keyes,  
John Hanson,  
Isaac Hanson,  
*Uninhabited.*

## RANGE No. 8.

Lot No. 1, DAVID MCGREGORE,  
Solomon Gee,

Ira Beekwith,  
*Stephen Beekwith,*

- \*Solomon Clisby,  
Abram Moore,  
William Prentice,  
Silas Gleason,  
Jeremiah Barrett,  
Francis Brown.
- Lot No. 2, SAMUEL CUMMINGS,  
John McKeen.
- Lot No. 3, SAMUEL CUMMINGS.  
South part, John McKeen,  
John McKeen, Jr.,  
Charles C. Mathewson,  
William L. Huntley,  
*Willard B. Tinker.*  
North part, Samuel McKeen, 2d,  
*Sylvester Symonds.*
- Lots Nos. 4 and 5, .  
OLIVER FARWELL.  
West part, John Currier,  
Capt. Wright,  
Joseph Woodbury,  
*Mrs. Larina Woodbury.*  
East part, Isaac Campbell,  
Isaac Campbell, Jr.,  
John H. Clark,  
*Joseph Ware.*
- Lot No. 6, JONATHAN PIERCE,  
Dean Carleton,  
John Orcutt,  
John Currier,  
Andrew Cummings,  
Willard M. Perham,  
*George W. Hilliard,*  
\*William Grout, Esq.,  
Benjamin Grout, Jr.,  
*Nathaniel Bixby.*
- Lot No. 7, DAVID BURGE,  
Benjamin Grout,  
Col. Ebenezer Grout,  
Ebenezer Grout, Jr.,  
*Sumner O. Taylor,*  
\*Hezekiah Smith,  
Frederic Lock,  
Timothy Yeomans,  
Alfred Abell,  
*Loring Morse.*
- Lot No. 8, SCHOOL LOT,  
*Uninhabited.*
- Lot No. 9, O. PIERCE ATKINSON,  
Eli Twitchell,  
Galen Allen,  
Perley Allen,  
Winslow Allen.
- Lot No. 10, REUBEN GOULD,  
Moses Warren,  
Benjamin Mayo,  
Andrew Grout,  
Frederic Grout,  
*Phineas W. Pettingill,*  
*Sch'l-house, Dist. No. 7.*
- Lots Nos. 11 and 12,  
DAVID MCGREGORE,  
William Mitchell,  
Jonathan Mitchell,  
*Jonathan T. Mitchell.*
- Lot No. 13, JOHN PARKER,  
Thomas Clark,  
Bradley Mitchell,  
Warren Sawyer,  
Fielding Keyes,  
Willard Cram,  
*John Davis,*  
*Charles J. Davis.*
- Lot No. 14, DAVID BURGE,  
Supply Reed,  
Sylvester A. Reed,  
*Harvey D. Wallace,*  
\*Tilleston Reed,  
Jonas Boynton,  
Stephen Quimby,  
Ephraim Howe.
- Lot No. 15, JOHN BYAM,  
John Robb,  
John Robb, Jr.,  
*Mrs. Philenda Robb,*  
*Daniel Guy.*
- Lot No. 16, DAVID MCFEE,  
Robert McLure,  
John McLure,  
Robert McLure, Jr.,  
*Sch'l-house, Dist. No. 5.*
- Lot No. 17, M. THORNTON,  
Capt. James McLure,

Thomas McLure,  
Alvin Davidson,  
Joshua H. Howe.

Lot No. 18, ROBERT FLETCHER,  
Dea. Robert McLure,  
*Samuel McLure.*

## RANGE No. 9.

Lot No. 1, ——— LUTTEREDGE,  
Ezra George,  
Charles W. George,  
Dean C. George.

Lemuel Morse,  
Joseph P. Metcalf,  
*George W. Young.*

Lot No. 2, MOSES ESTABROOK,  
Luther Gates.

West part, Isaac Gates, Jr.,  
James Gowing,  
David Gregg,  
Elisha Comstock,  
*Nathaniel G. Smith.*

East part, Isaac Gates, Sen.,  
Aaron Brown,  
John McKeen,  
Franklin A. Smith,  
*Gates' Hill on this lot.*

Lot No. 6, B. BYAM,  
William Woodbury,  
Amos Woodbury,  
Horace Campbell,  
*Jonathan L. McKeen,*  
*\*Zachariah Woodbury,*  
Nathaniel Davidson,  
Alvin Davidson,  
Nathaniel Merrill,  
Nathaniel Merrill, Jr.,  
*\*Alvah Cummings,*  
*Schl-house, Dist. No. 8.*

Lot No. 3, MOSES ESTABROOK.  
West part, Elijah Clark,  
Ira Beckwith,  
Duren Tinker,  
Benjamin Alexander,  
Roswell George,  
William F. Davis,  
*Francis Ellenwood.*  
*Schl-house, Dis. No. 10.*

Lot No. 7, J. FARMER,  
John Collins,  
William Orcutt,  
Nathaniel Merrill,  
Phineas Pettingill.

East part, Jabez Alexander,  
Jehiel Comstock,  
Sylvester Symonds,  
*George W. Greeley.*

Lot No. 8, B. WENTWORTH,  
*Uninhabited.*

Lot No. 9, S. POWERS,  
Daniel Campbell,  
Thomas M. Dickey,  
*Warren Thayer.*

Lot No. 4, B. BUTTERFIELD,  
Andrew Woodbury,  
Capt. Robert Clark,  
Robert Clark, Jr.,  
Thomas Clark,  
Winchester Wyman,  
*Franklin Perham,*  
*\*Saw mill,*  
John H. Clark,  
*George F. Nichols,*  
*\*Henry Smith,*  
*Walker Gassett.*

Lot No. 10, SAMUEL KING,  
Samuel Slader,  
Edward Slader, Esq.,  
Zia Peck,  
Winslow C. Neal,  
*Robert Kennedy.*

Lot No. 5, J. BLANCHARD,  
George Clark,  
Hezekiah Copeland,

Lot No. 11, B. BYAM,  
Samuel Silsby,  
Sprague West,  
William Orcutt,  
Bela Mathews,  
Lemuel Gilson,  
Ephraim Hull,  
Jesse H. Hill,  
Cyrus Wheeler,  
*Uninhabited.*

- Lot No. 12, J. PIERCE,  
Nathaniel Sawyer,  
Jonathan Mitchell,  
*Uninhabited.*
- Lot No. 13, J. MCGREGORE,  
Nathaniel Whitney,  
Amos Atwood,  
Joseph Atwood,  
Amos Atwood, Jr.,  
Cyrus Atwood,  
Joseph P. Cram,  
Simcon Stevens,  
Sylvester Symonds,  
*Orna B. Burnham,*  
Henry F. Burnham.
- Lot No. 14, SAMUEL BARRON,  
Isaac Foster,  
Dr. William Oliver.
- Lot No. 15, ——— LUTTERIDGE.  
North part, Dean Carleton,  
James Mitchell,  
Bradley Mitchell,  
Samuel Clark,  
*Alvin Davidson.*  
South part, John Bruce,  
Ezra Cram,

- Thomas Mitchell,  
Joshua Buzzell,  
Henry Goold,  
George W. Neal,  
*Albert G. Hubbard.*
- Lot No. 16, DANIEL MCFEE,  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 17, EBEN. BRIDGE,  
Samuel Houston,  
Alexander Houston,  
Adam Wallace,  
Thomas McLure,  
\*Robert McLure,  
Hugh McKeen,  
Rufus L. McLure,  
*Robert McLure,*  
\*William McLure,  
*Amos F. Buswell.*
- Lot No. 18, EBEN. BRIDGE,  
Nathaniel Silsby,  
Eli Twitchell,  
John P. Wallace,  
Joseph Finlay,  
Henry M. Silsby,  
Thomas Smith.

## RANGE No. 10.

- Lot No. 1, ——— LUTTERIDGE,  
Ezekiel Clisby,  
Joseph Clisby,  
John Brigham,  
Mrs. Hannah Gates,  
*Uninhabited.*
- Lot No. 2, M. THORNTON,  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 3, J. BLANCHARD,  
Daniel Alexander,  
Henry Smith,  
Henry Smith, Jr.,  
*Uninhabited.*
- Lots Nos. 4 and 5,  
DAVID BROWN,  
Joseph Hemphill,  
Erastus Hemphill,  
*Freeland Hemphill.*

- Lot No. 6, SAMUEL FRENCH,  
Nathaniel Davidson,  
Phineas Pettingill,  
Phineas W. Pettingill,  
*Uninhabited.*
- Lot No. 7, J. FARMER,  
Retire Trask,  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 8, G. JAFFREY,  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 9, B. WENTWORTH,  
Thomas Wallace,  
Jonathan Mitchell,  
James Dickey, 3d,  
Perley Allen,  
*John S. Symonds.*
- Lot No. 10, B. WENTWORTH,  
*Non-resident.*

Lot No. 11, T. DUSTIN, John Clark, <i>Uninhabited.</i>	Daniel Coffin, Issachar Mayo, Jr., Samuel Neal, Ambrose H. Piper, <i>Joab N. Davis.</i>
Lots Nos. 12 and 13, J. MCGREGORE, Matthew Wallace, Esq., Hugh Lull, Benjamin Poland, Asa Sargent, Asa Sargent, Jr., Sylvester Symonds, Solon Neal, <i>George W. Neal.</i>	Lot No. 16, SAMUEL WENTWORTH, Coffin Hill, <i>Non-resident.</i>
Lot No. 14, MOSES PARKER, Jonathan Pierce, Nathan Murray.	Lots Nos. 17 and 18, GEORGE GAFFREY.
West part, Aaron Blanchard, Isaac Foster, Ira Foster, Walter Neal, Oliver Davis, <i>Thomas J. Davis.</i>	West part, Jesse Cram, Samuel Gove, Squire Gove, Robert McLure, William McLure, J. Philbrick Cram, <i>David W. Thompson.</i>
East part, Joseph Blanchard, David Blanchard, Samuel F. Symonds, Solon Neal, <i>Leri Davis,</i> <i>Sch'lhouse, Dist. No. 6.</i>	Middle part, Hilliard Cram, Amos Harding, Amos Harding, Jr., <i>Samuel Harding.</i>
Lot No. 15, MOSES PARKER,	East part, Joseph Kinnison, Eliphalet Bailey, Jacob Cram, John Mills Gove, William McLure, Harvey Liscomb, Elijah Cram, <i>George F. Youngman.</i>

## RANGE No. 11.

Lot No. 1, MOSES PARKER, Eber Miller, <i>Asa Whitcomb.</i>	Pelatiah Clark, <i>Elisha Kempton,</i> <i>Elisha M. Kempton,</i> *Timothy Bruce, ——— Hildrith, Nathan George, William Moore, <i>Horace Richardson.</i>
Lot No. 2, MATTHEW THORNTON, <i>Non-resident.</i>	
Lot No. 3, JAMES NEVINS, Thomas Gates, Abel Bruce, Ezra Miner, Aaron Brown, Jacob Foster, Wilder Foster, *Israel Foster, Timothy Foster, <i>Uninhabited.</i>	Lot No. 5, S. STODDARD, <i>Enoch George,</i> John W. Moore.
Lot No. 4, ————, Permenter Honey,	Lot No. 6, SAMUEL FRENCH, Phineas Spaulding, Benjamin Newton, Edward Rodgers, <i>Jason H. Boynton,</i> <i>Saw-mill.</i>

- Lot No. 7, EBEN. GOULD.  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 8, CHURCH LOT.  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 9, ROBERT ADAMS.  
Moses Davis,  
Dennis Potter,  
Zenas Wood,  
Alvah W. Barney,  
Levi Mitchell,  
James M. Reed,  
\*Levi Barney,  
Ralph Keyes,  
William Huntley.
- Lot No. 10, COL. GREELEY.  
Artimas Newton,  
William Shedd,  
Theophilus Adams,  
Nathaniel Howe,  
Rufus L. Howe,  
James H. Dyer.
- Lot No. 11, COL. GREELEY.  
Asa Howe,  
Moses Howe.
- Lot No. 12, JOHN HARDY.  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 13, W. CLAGGET.  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 14, W. CLAGGET.  
George Kimmison,  
David Smith,  
Sargent Symonds,  
John S. Symonds,  
Samuel F. Symonds,  
John F. Symonds,  
Mrs. Mary Symonds.  
North part, Dean Carleton, Jr.,  
Issachar Mayo,  
Elisha Mayo,  
Daniel Gay,  
Ambrose H. Piper,  
John Buswell.
- Lot No. 15, W. CLAGGET.  
Josiah Raymond,  
John Raymond,  
Owen Tracy,  
Joel Tracy,  
Joel B. Tracy.
- Lot No. 16, SAMUEL WENTWORTH.  
Capt. Eusebius Silsby,  
Jonathan Gove, Esq.,  
Jonathan S. Gove,  
Mrs. Eunice Richardson.
- Lots Nos. 17 and 18.  
SCHOOL LOTS.  
John Gragg,  
John Gragg, Jr.,  
*Uninhabited,*  
*Cold Pond.*

## RANGE No. 12.

- Lot No. 1, THOMAS DAVIS.  
Coolidge Butterfield,  
William Humphrey,  
James Leslie,  
Henry Smith,  
Samuel Griffin,  
*Uninhabited.*
- Lot No. 2, *Uninhabited.*  
*Non-resident.*
- Lots Nos. 3 and 4,  
R. FLETCHER,  
*Non-resident.*
- Lot No. 5, T. ATKINSON,  
Joab Newton,
- Plummer Fox,  
David Morrill,  
Levi Farr,  
Henry Smith,  
Aaron Brown,  
James H. Brown,  
\*Joel Fletcher,  
Benjamin Fletcher,  
Benjamin Fletcher, Jr.,  
John Fletcher,  
Leonard Smith,  
Joseph Ware,  
J. Leavitt McKeen,  
Joseph P. Metcalf.
- Lot No. 6, COL. ATKINSON.  
*Non-resident.*

Lot No. 7, ————, Asa Howe, <i>Non-resident.</i>	Benjamin Newton, Orra T. Smith, *Levi Barney, Moore's Keyes, <i>Theron Hull.</i>
Lot No. 8, SOCIETY, <i>Non-resident.</i>	
Lot No. 9, DANIEL MCFEE, Mazalda Keyes, Adna Keyes, <i>William Dana.</i>	Lot No. 11, P. LEVEES, Jonathan Mitchell, Abel Bailey, <i>William L. Mitchell,</i> <i>Abram M. Mitchell.</i>
Lot No. 10, P. LEVEES, Moore's Keyes, Jonas Keyes, Ambrose Alexander, Simon Graves, Jonas Spaulding, Albert E. Spaulding, James H. Dyer, <i>Rodney Buss,</i> <i>Saw-mill,</i> <i>Planing-mill,</i> <i>Turning-mill,</i> <i>Sch'l-house, Dist. No. 9,</i> <i>James M. Reed's saw</i> <i>and turning-mill,</i> *John Huntoon, Levi Barney, Carding-machine, John Thornton, E. George Howe, Willard Cram, <i>Francis P. Fletcher,</i> —————, Mrs. Philinda Abbott, <i>Francis Buss,</i> *Thomas Shapley, Alvah W. Barney, <i>Mrs. Harriet Howe,</i> *L. Clisby,	Lots Nos. 12, 13 and 14, P. LEVEES, <i>Non-resident.</i>  Lot No. 15, WILLIAM SYMS, <i>Non-resident.</i>  Lot No. 16, WILLIAM SYMS, Augustus Silsby, Moses Barnard, <i>Squire P. Barnard,</i> *Samuel Jones, Simon Graves, John Davis, Oliver Davis, Samuel Davis.  Lot No. 17, WILLIAM SYMS, John Nowland, Hugh Lull, William Graves, Henry Graves, John Graves, Daniel Graves, <i>Mrs. Polly Graves.</i>  Lot No. 18, SOCIETY, <i>Cold Pond,</i> <i>Non-resident.</i>

---

ERRATA.

PAGE 71.—Twenty-first line from the bottom, for *place* read *plan*; sixth line from the bottom, for *thither* read *hither*.

PAGE 72.—Twelfth line from the bottom, for *dissecting* read *directing*.

PAGE 122.—Fifth line from the top, for 1866 read 1766.













Date Due

F44.A2E69 BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BOSS

History of Acworth,



1 1719 00165 9038

